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After several incidents of damage to buses, Birnie Bus will no longer provide transportation for Hamilton, forcing societies to look elsewhere for their off-campus parties.

Bus company refuses service because of student damages

by Katie Childs '08
NEWS EDITOR

Birnie Bus Service Inc., the primary provider of bus transportation at Hamilton College, suspended service for Hamilton and Colgate University fraternities and sororities. Lisa Magnarelli '96, director of student activities, notified the presidents of Hamilton's Greek societies on November 16 via e-mail of the decision.

There were two incidents at Hamilton and one incident at Colgate that caused the shift in policy, according to an employee at Birnie Bus that wished to remain anonymous. "I've never seen these two extremes," said Patty Allen, the accounts receivable supervisor for Birnie Bus. "This is kind of out of the ordinary and kind of strange that they both happened so close to one another."

The first incident took place on September 1, students caused damage when exiting through the rear door of a bus rented by Theta Delta Chi (TDX) for a party at Jack's Barn. On September 17, damage to a back door occurred while transporting students back from an Alpha Delta Phi (AD) party at the Breakaway. According to the employee, "the doors were not torn off completely, but they were torn enough that they needed to be replaced because the hinges were bent."

A few days after the party, AD President Nikle Guzijan '06 was contacted by Birnie Bus and informed that the fraternity would need to pay for damages to the back door. "In most cases for our parties we end up losing our cleaning deposit on buses," said Eliot Beck '07, AD Treasurer. "However, it is always upsetting when major damage is done because it strains the relationship between these bus companies

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Starrett and Harris win Assembly election

by Susan Stanton '09
NEWS WRITER

Almost half of Hamilton's student body cast their vote this week for Student Assembly (SA) leadership. Eileen Starrett '07 was elected President of SA, alongside Nate Harris '07 who will serve as Vice President. Six-hundred-and-seventy students voted online. The College campus was notified via e-mail early Thursday morning that Starrett and Harris would lead SA for the next twelve months.

Students were able to vote for twenty-four hours starting on Tuesday at 12:00 a.m. On Wednesday, all candidates were given a chance to contest the election, if they felt it was unfair for any reason. Since there were no objections, the votes were counted at midnight on Wednesday night, and Starrett and Harris earned the necessary 40% of votes it takes to win a SA election.

"It's really nice to see that people supported our platform," said Starrett. Both Starrett and Harris feel that they appealed to a large population of the student body. "We're different from people's normal perceptions of people that would run forpresident and vice president," said Harris. "We don't exactly fit the mold."

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PHOTO BY TAYLOR AUSTIN '06

Nate Harris and Eileen Starrett will take over next semester as SA Vice President and President.

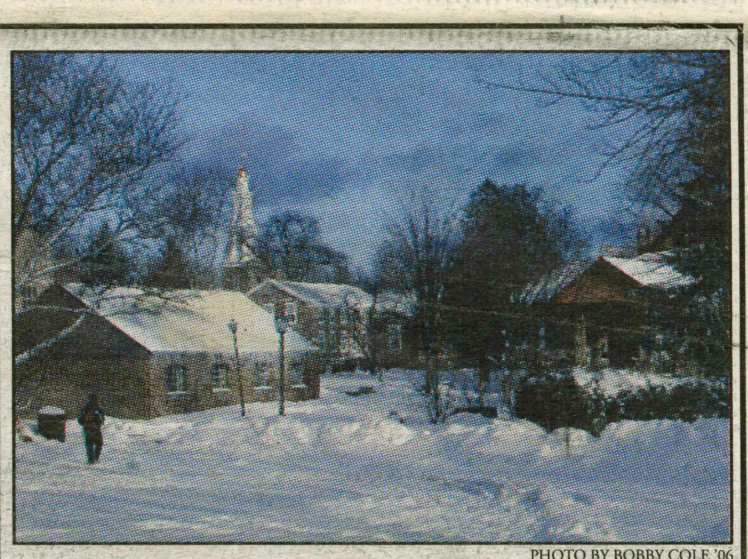

PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

Snow blankets campus as students prepare for the upcoming reading period and final exams, before Winter Break.

Students, faculty object to controversial *Daily Bull* article

by Katie Childs '08
NEWS EDITOR

The Daily Bull issued an apology one week after including racially insensitive comments in its December 1 issue. Faculty, students, and members of the Black Student Union (BSU) took offense to the article, "Today in Fake Hamilton History," which stated that the cannons located behind North Hall were installed to "protect the college against Bands of marauding Negroes."

Scott Siskind '06 didn't think much about the content of "Today in Fake Hamilton History" when he was compiling *The Daily Bull* on the night of November 30, although he now regrets that decision. "I wondered for a second if it might be a problem to include something related to race, but I looked at the article and decided that it was only using the racial overtones to make fun of racists, and that people would understand that," said Siskind, who is serving as a temporary editor of the publication.

Much of the discussion regarding the issue was kept private until recently. John Champagne '06, editor-in-chief of *The Daily Bull*, was notified by Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli '96 that the article was being seen as offensive, according to Champagne. Associate

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A discussion about *The Daily Bull*'s content will be held tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Red Pit, hosted by BSU.

Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin sent an e-mail to Siskind on Wednesday, which was when Siskind became aware that the article had elicited a negative response. Franklin invited Siskind to attend the BSU meeting on Friday afternoon, explaining that several members of the community were offended by the article. The e-mail prompted Siskind to print a full page letter regarding the article in yesterday's edition of *The Daily Bull*.

The letter identified the complaints of Franklin and members of BSU, and went to on to state that "if enough people believe this is a problem, I will refrain from mentioning race or other sensitive issues in the Bull from now on."

Siskind received a handful of e-mails yesterday after the letter appeared in *The Daily Bull* from students critical of the letter. According to Siskind, the e-mails stated that he trivialized the issue by mentioning other problems within the letter, including a problem with advertisements not being updated; placed blame on those who were offended; and misunderstood the historical use of the term "negro."

"I think it started out as an apology and became a defense

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Chernow honored by College in NYC

Biographer of Alexander Hamilton received honorary degree last week

by Meredith Kennedy '09
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton College presented an honorary degree to Ron Chernow, the award-winning biographer of Alexander Hamilton, last weekend for his accomplished biography about the life of our college's namesake. Chernow's latest book, *Alexander Hamilton* (Penguin Press, 2004) was rated by the *New York Times* as one of the 10 best books of 2004.

Chernow was awarded the degree during Hamilton's 8th Leadership Weekend in New York City. "Hamilton is delighted to recognize Mr. Chernow with this honorary degree," said President Joan Hinde Stewart. "He is an accomplished scholar and an eloquent writer. His biography of our college's namesake has done much for the reputation of one of America's greatest Founding Fathers."

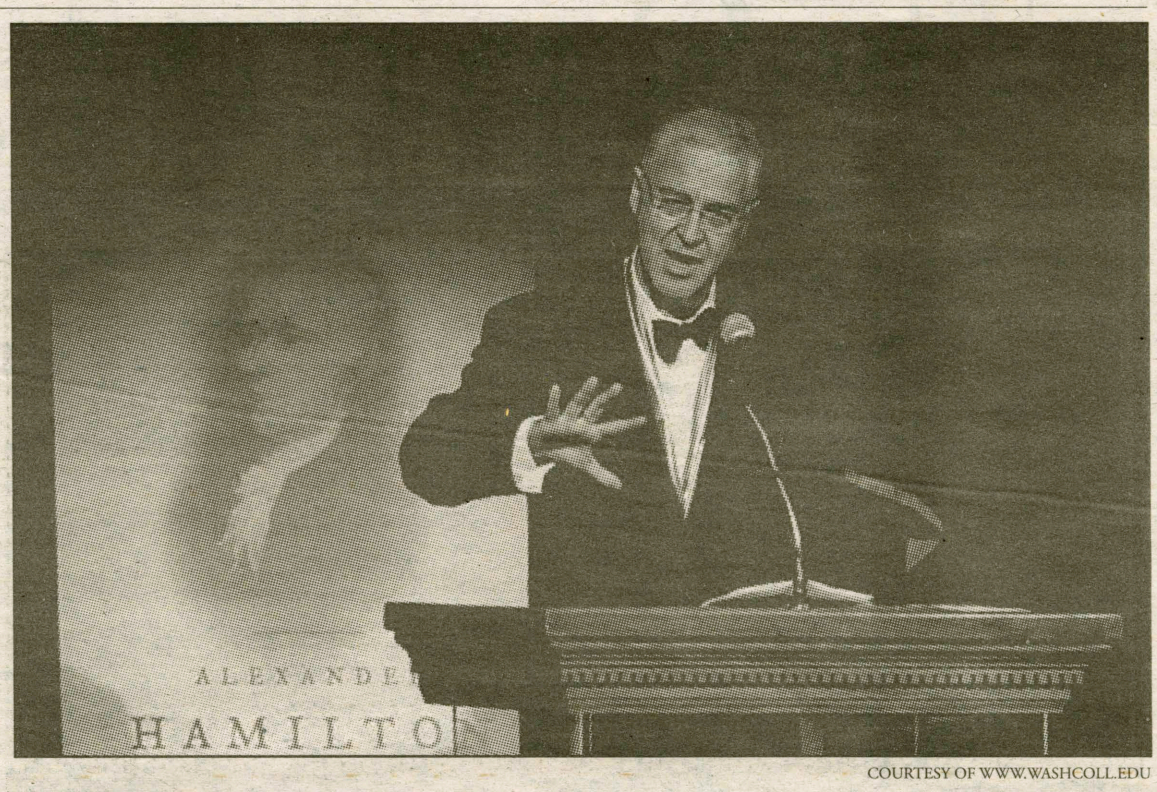
Chernow was presented at the leadership event with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by Life Trustee Carl Menges '51.

Chernow's critically acclaimed biography has been said to be one of the most in-depth examinations of the first Secretary of the Treasury and has struck a chord in many a reader.

Sidney Wertimer Associate Professor of History Douglas Ambrose thinks Chernow's book on Hamilton "is an impressive work—gracefully written, exhaustively researched, appreciative yet critical of its subject, and judicious in interpretation; the book fully deserved the numerous accolades it received."

In addition to his impressive book, Chernow visited the Hill last fall and gave a lecture to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Hamilton's death that Ambrose noted was "both engaging and thoughtful, much like his book. He has contributed much to the current revival of interest in an appreciation of Hamilton's role in the founding of the nation, and it is most fitting that Hamilton College presented him with a well-deserved honorary degree."

Those yet to experience Chernow's biography may consider dropping by the bookstore during Monday's clearance sale to get your hands on a copy. It may help you appreciate your college and its namesake, and understand the legend behind the statue that stands tall on the Hill.



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Chernow has "contributed much to the current revival of interest in an appreciation of Hamilton's role in the founding of the nation," according to Professor Ambrose.

Goverment majors present theses to College campus

by Alex Morgan '09
NEWS WRITER

Fourteen Hamilton College senior government majors presented their theses in an oral presentation format this week. These presentations were the culmination of a semester-long research project.

"I decided it would be useful for students to give a presentation on something they have been working on all semester," said government professor Ted Eismeier, "I wanted them to be able to articulate their work in a short amount of time."

There are 104 senior government majors this year. Each government department faculty member is in charge of working with at least a dozen of these majors on their theses for the semester. At the end of next semester those seniors planning on graduating with honors will present again and expand on their topics.

"I told them to think about this as if they were trying to impress an employer," said Eismeier. The seniors under his supervision turned in a draft to him before Thanksgiving break and have been thinking for the past couple of weeks about how they will present their research.

Each senior presented for approximately five minutes on American political topics ranging from gun control politics to President Bush's social security plan. Research by Ian Mandel '06 focused on campaign finance reform (note: Mandel is the editor-in-chief of *The Spectator*).

"I studied the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 and its effects on the 2004 congressional and presidential elections," said Mandel. He continued by explaining the difference between soft money and hard money campaign contributions.

Soft money does not have any restrictions on the amount that can be donated. Hard money is subject to contribution limits. The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (BCRA) eliminated soft money contributions with a few limited exceptions and increased hard money contributions.

"I told them to think about this as if they were trying to impress an employer."
— Professor Ted Eismeier

"The general idea was to increase the amount of hard money to make up for the lost soft money," said Mandel. BCRA increased the amount of hard money an individual could contribute from $1,000 to $2,000, from $20,000 to $25,000 for National Party committees, and from $5,000 to $10,000 for state and local party committees.

Mandel indicated that national party committees raised more hard money in 2004 than they had raised in hard money and soft money combined during any other election. He concluded that BCRA had less impact on the campaign than the overall competitive nature of the campaign itself.

Nicholas Philippi '06 presented on terrorism and defense transformation since 9/11. He stated that the United States is currently a nation that exercises hard power, or influence through economic and military means.

Soft power, or influence through diplomatic, cultural, and historical means, requires willingness to work with other nations rather than against them. Philippi believes the United States has exercised a limited amount of soft power in the Iraq War.

He believes that the United States needs a balance of both hard and soft power to be a successful nation. "If we are looking for a balance between hard power and soft power we need to protect our borders and to not irritate the international community at the same time."

David Turchin '06 presented on the effect of agricultural subsidies in first world nations on farmers in developing nations, particularly in the areas of sugar and cotton growth. He criticized the World Trade Organization as a coalition dominated by first world interests and reluctant to reform restrictions on farmers from third world nations.

He also criticized the United States and the European Union for their economic protectionist policies. "Close to half of the EU budget goes to protecting corporate farmers," he explained. The results, according to Turchin, are increased prices for the consumer and hardships

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ISC will work next semester to create resolution to bus issue

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all organizations at Hamilton that utilize them as well as contributes to the constantly rising costs of hiring buses."

AD received an invoice from Birnie Bus and "replied with our payment in a timely manner," according to Beck. Allen confirmed that the company received a check for $1,531.50 from the fraternity on November 17.

TDX President Rob Rosenzweig '06 called Birnie Bus after the party to get the deposit back and was informed that the back door of the bus was broken, but the deposit would cover the damages. Later in the month, Rosenzweig was told by Magnarelli that TDX owed more towards the bus damages. He did not receive the bill until October, a month after the Barn Party. The fraternity owes Birnie Bus $1,231.50 for bus damages, but has yet to pay, according to Allen. "By the time we actually received the bill from the bus company it was too late in the semester for us to allot the money out of our budget to pay the bus company," said Rosenzweig. TDX expects to be able to pay the bill by early next semester and has informed Birnie Bus of this. "Once we get all of our dues in for next semester we're probably going to have to use a good amount of them to pay for the damage," said Garrett Reeb '08, one of the social chairs for TDX. In the meantime, the fraternity used the First Student Bus Company for Thursday night's Wig Semi-Formal in Clinton.

Several society representatives argue that their organizations should not be held responsible for damages caused by individuals. "We shouldn't have to pay off the damage caused by someone else," said Reeb. "The party was open to the entire campus so we shouldn't be the only ones paying for it." Guzijan echoed Reeb's sentiments: "Hell, I think the school should have paid the bill for us. Let's be serious; without Greek societies this place would suck."

"In this instance, the damage was done by one student and it is unfortunate that it only takes a few immature hooligans to have a significant effect on the ability for a society or organization to be able to hire buses," said Beck.

The bus incidents were discussed minimally at Inter Society Council (ISC) meetings, as outgoing ISC President Pablo Vives '06 felt the matter required more time and needed to be held off until next semester. "We were informed that Birnie Bus wouldn't do any business with Colgate or Hamilton until various debts were payed but that was the extent of the discussion," said Rosenzweig.

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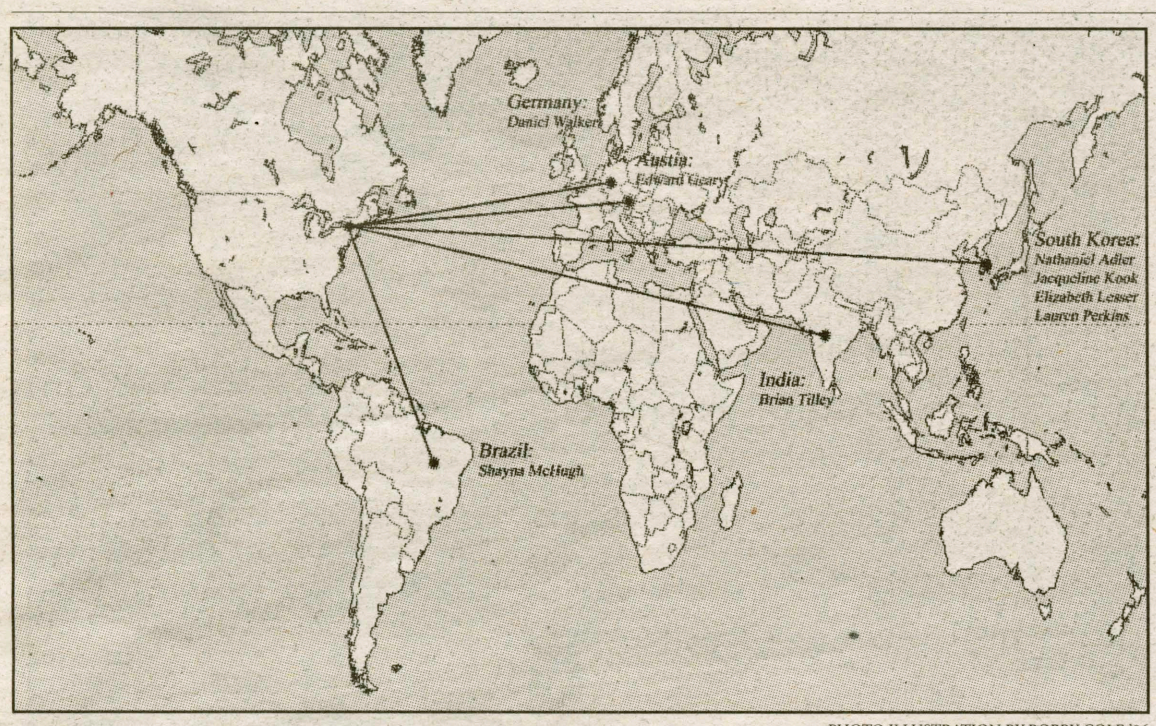

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Hamilton alumni have traveled all over the world as part of the Fulbright program.

Hamilton College ranked fourth in number of Fulbright Scholars

by Laura Barry '08
NEWS WRITER

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), the administrating organization for the Fulbright Scholars Program, granted eight Hamilton College students the honor of receiving Fulbright Scholarships for the 2005/2006 academic year. Consequently, this year Hamilton was placed fourth on the list for top Fulbright recipients. Hamilton students throughout the years have become increasingly active in, and have taken advantage of, the Fulbright Scholarship program.

As Hamilton Student Fellowships Coordinator Virginia Dosch declared, "Fulbright Grants are appealing because they offer such a wide range of international opportunities." Since 2000, Hamilton students have been awarded 32 highly competitive Fulbright Scholarships.

This year's Hamilton College Fulbright Scholarship recipients were Edward Geary '05, Austria; Shayna McHugh '05, Brazil; Brian Tilley '05, India; Nathaniel Adler '05, South Korea; Jacqueline Kook '05, South Korea; Elizabeth Lesser '05, South Korea; Lauren Perkins '04, South Korea; and Daniel Walker '05, Germany.

Adler is presently living with a Korean family in Jinju, South Korea. He is studying the Korean language, culture, history, and government, while at the same time teaching English at a specialty Science High School. He has also recently assisted Professor Lee Doh-Soo of Gyeongsang National University in editing a draft of Doh-Soo's book on English education. Adler is planning on traveling to India and Nepal over winter break. He also intends to intern at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul in February and March 2006.

Highlights of his year in South Korea so far include a tour from U.S. military personnel of the DMZ between South and North Korea, as well as Thanksgiving dinner at the U.S. Ambassador's house.

McHugh is currently investigating in Brazil sea sponges and ascidians in search of chemical compounds with anti-bacterial, anti-tuberculosis, and anti-cancer activity. She extracts the sea creatures and then tries to isolate and identify the compounds with biological activity, so that they may be used in pharmaceutical research, since many drugs are derived from natural products.

McHugh declares, "I really enjoy the research because it's challenging and I find the prospect of discovering something new exciting!"

Geary is researching in Vienna, Austria the presence of National Socialism in Austrian textbooks and curricula since 1945. He is analyzing the way in which Austrian history textbooks presented World War II, specifically in terms of what role Austria played in the National Socialist regime.

Kook is teaching first and second grade, which is equivalent to 10th and 11th grade in America, at an all girls' high school in the southwestern Korean port city, Mokpo. Commenting on her teaching experience Kook stated that, "It's fantastic; my school is incredibly warm, relaxed, and helpful."

Kook has been able to travel extensively due to her 3 day-long weekends, subsequently exploring and learning Korean culture. Teaching, however, takes up a lot of her time because she has to create her own curriculum and teaching materials without much guidance from the other English teachers. Kook declares that, "Basically, it's great. Difficult a lot of times, but great."

Tilley, awarded a Fulbright Student Grant to India for his proposed research project, "Patterns of Worship at Sufi Shrines," is presently preparing for his project by participating in the American Institute of Indian Studies' Urdu Program in Lucknow, India.

Tilley's research will focus on understanding the public space of Sufi shrines in post-colonial India as an expression of a polyglot devotional culture that is specifically Indian. Sufism is a subset of Islam that originated in Persia, which centers around the veneration of famous Muslim saints.

In modern India, shrines are centers of worship for Muslims as well as Hindus; both religious followers travel to shrines in order to venerate the saints and receive benefits of good health or personal welfare in return. Yet, rather than seeing this as an idealistic example of Hindu/Muslim unity in the face of ongoing communal violence,

Tilley views interest in Sufism as a reflection of India's devotional culture which is not restricted to the temple for Hindus, nor the mosque for Muslims.

Reflecting on his experience as a Fulbright Scholar, Tilley declared, "My project (not uncommonly) places me within a vibrant local community on a regular basis, wherein I am constantly met with curiosity about my interest, as well as frequent questions about America in general. The conversations I have with people in these contexts represent a kind of cultural exchange which is both casual and cordial, however which importantly supports the ideal of 'bridging cultural divides,' which our government strives to facilitate."

These eight Hamilton Fulbright Scholars for the 2005/2006 academic year well represent the Hamilton Community through their dedication to higher education and research, as well as their immersion into, and pursuance of a better understanding of, international countries' history, culture, and language.

IVORY TOWERS

Tulane Univ. Announces Layoffs

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -- Tulane University announced plans Thursday to lay off about 230 faculty members and eliminate some programs to cope with the financial damage done by Hurricane Katrina.

The university will eliminate about 180 faculty positions at its medical school and about 50 elsewhere, the school said on its Web site.

"I deeply regret that employee reductions were necessary to secure the university's future," said Scott Cowen, the university's president. "We have tried to make the reductions as strategically and humanely as possible, recognizing the hardship it places on those whose positions have been terminated."

The university said it would continue to participate in NCAA Division 1 athletic programs, including football, baseball and men and women's basketball.

NATIONAL NEWS

House, Senate Agree to Extend Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) - House and Senate negotiators reached an agreement Thursday to extend the USA Patriot Act, the government's premier anti-terrorism law, before it expires at the end of the month. But a Democratic senator threatened a filibuster to block the compromise.

"I will do everything I can, including a filibuster, to stop this Patriot Act conference report, which does not include adequate safeguards to protect our constitutional freedoms," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., who was the only senator to vote against the original version of the Patriot Act.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., announced that the negotiating committee had reached an agreement that would extend for four years two of the Patriot Act's most controversial provisions —authorizing roving wiretaps and permitting secret warrants for books, records and other items from businesses, hospitals and organizations such as libraries.

"All factors considered it's reasonably good, not perfect, but it's acceptable," Specter said of the agreement.

"I don't think there will be a filibuster," Specter said. "I don't think it will succeed if there is one."

The Senate is expected to vote on the compromise next week, Specter said. That would give them enough time to deal with any filibuster threats before the Patriot Act provisions expire on Dec. 31.

WORLD NEWS

NATO Allies Welcome Rice's Explanation

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - European foreign ministers said Thursday that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had "cleared the air" by assuring NATO allies that the U.S. does not allow torture of terrorist suspects and respects principles of the Geneva Conventions on the treatment of prisoners of war.

Shifting away from a confrontation with Washington, some NATO allies welcomed Rice's explanation of U.S. views on secret prisons and treatment of terrorist suspects at a private dinner Wednesday with her NATO and European Union counterparts.

"It is my impression that Secretary Rice ... cleared the air. You will not see this discussion continuing" at the NATO headquarters, NATO Secretary General Jaap De Hoop Scheffer told a news conference.

At a news conference, Rice said she can give no guarantee that terrorism detainees won't be abused again despite what she called the United States' clear rules against torture.

"Will there be abuses of policy? That's entirely possible," Rice told reporters. "Just because you're a democracy it doesn't mean that you're perfect."

At every stop on her European tour this week, Rice has faced questions about U.S. practices in the pursuit of terrorists, including whether the CIA has run secret prisons on European soil or mistreated prisoners during clandestine flights in and out of Europe. Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and other countries have been critical of Washington after news reports about the prisons and CIA flights.

NATO spokesman James Appathurai said Rice led off a long discussion on the issue of CIA-run prisons and treatment of prisoners in the war on terrorism at the dinner. Expressions of support "seems to have been the flavor of the meeting," he said.

Compiled by Matt Palascak '07

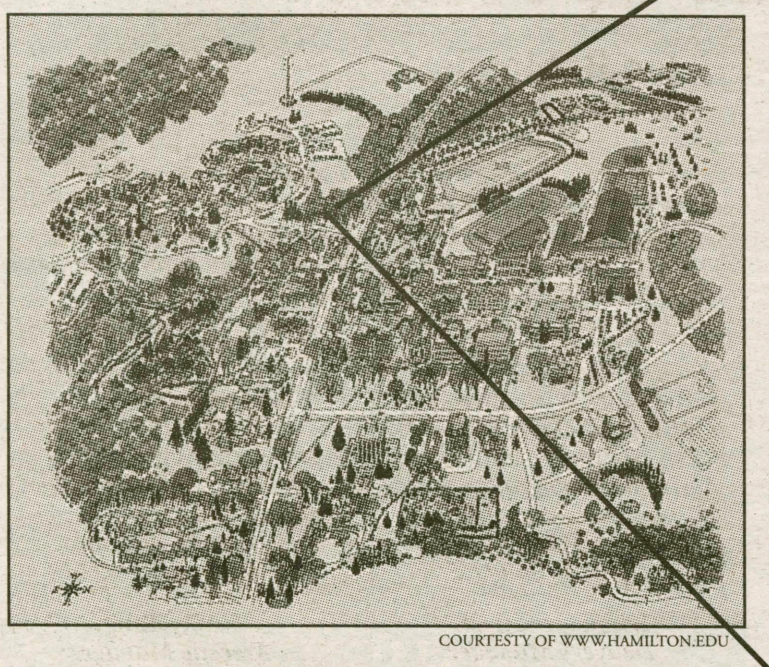

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PHOTO BY BOBBY COLE '06

The building will be renovated to house the art history center, a seminar room, a conference room, a slide room, and new student research areas, in addition to classrooms.

Recently-donated Elihu Root House to become an art center

by Kara Labs '09
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton College acquired the Elihu Root house located at 7164 College Hill Roadin late 2004. The beautiful colonial home and four plus acres abuts the Kirkland side of campus by the driveway and has the KJ and Babbit parking spaces to the rear.

The home was formerly owned by the late Molly Root. Just before she died in June 2004 at the age of 86, she made a generous donation to the College. That money is now being used to renovate and remodel her home and eventually turn it into an art history center. These renovations are part of Hamilton's Excelsior Campaign which was initiated in 2004.

The renovation of the home into an art history center, which will also house classrooms, faculty offices, a seminar room, a conference room, slide library, and student research areas, has provided new vision for the arts on campus. Hamilton is trying to get students more exposed to the arts, even if they are not going to pursue it as a major.

The house was built in 1915-16 by esteemed New York architects McKim, Meade, and White. The statesman Elihu Root, who was Secretary of War, Secretary of State, a Nobel Prize winner, and graduate of Hamilton in 1864 gave the home to his son Elihu Root Jr. as a wedding gift. Elihu Root Jr. graduated from Hamilton in 1903 and was very interested in the arts.

As Mary McLean Evans, a friend of the Root family, says, "He was a successful attorney and philanthropist in New York who had an avocation as an amateur painter." The house was used as a summer home for the family. In the 1950s Elihu Root III, (graduate of Hamilton in 1936 and son of Elihu Root Jr.), along with his wife Molly, moved there permanently where they raised their three children: David, Carolyn, and Alice, all of whom are Hamilton grads.

The Roots have made many donations to Hamilton, including many donations to scholarship and faculty support endowments, the land on which Kirkland College was built Root Dorm and Root Hall are named in honor of the Root family.

Many members of the Root family have been interested in the arts. Edward Root, a cousin of Elihu Root III, was a professor of art history at Hamilton in the 1940s and 50s. Molly Root, in the spring before she died, also gave the College permission to have a show in the Emerson Art Gallery to display her father-in-law's (Elihu Root Jr.) work. "There is a strong family connection to the arts," says Evans.

She describes the house as being "a large and gracious colonial revival home with high ceilings and wonderful space. There are beautiful porches on either side of the house – on the first and second floors. A real slice of heaven is sitting on the side porch overlooking the pond on a beautiful spring afternoon." She also says that, "Molly Root would be happy to know that the College is putting her house to such good use."

"Student body can identify" with Starrett and Harris

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It was a competitive race with posters, fliers, and even graffiti all over campus. "If the graffiti was permanent there would have been issues but since it's not permanent it will be fine," said Manny Rosario '08, SA Elections Chair, of the graffiti, which was not condoned by the candidates.

Starrett and Harris felt that their "platform was well written, not too broad but not too specific, so the student body could identify with us," according to Starrett.

Starrett and Harris hope that their tenure as president and vice president of SA will usher in a period of more student involvement in SA. "I hope students feel that they they could e-mail us and things would get done," said Starrett. "People will perceive Nate and I as accessible."

Starrett wants to improve the social climate of the campus, including reducing the distinction between the light and dark sides. "Applying to college, I was looking forward to an active social life," said Starrett. "A lot of the things that were really great about Hamilton College no longer exist for one reason or another."

Starrett emphasized that SA will continue to work on creating more dining options for students and an efficient laundry service. "I am confident that the Facilities and Food Committees will continue to work as they have been on these issues," said Starrett.

Harris wants to focus on keeping Hamilton traditions alive during his term as vice president. "People are starting to let go of the traditions, and they need to be carried on," said Harris. Specifically, he hopes to preserve the Citrus Bowl tradition. Harris also wants to work on better late night transportation between downtown and the campus and third party catering for campus parties.

Although Starrett takes on this new SA leadership role after a semester as the junior class president, Harris does not have any previous experience on the Assembly. "We have five semesters under our belt as students on the Hill," said Starrett. "Experience as students trumps experience in SA."

She believes that "enthusiasm, desire for change, and a willingness to work hard goes a long way," qualities she is confident Harris possesses.

Harris attended his first SA meeting on Monday, December 5 and feels prepared for the job ahead. "I am sure Eileen will walk me through exactly what I have to do," said Harris.

Despite busy extracurricular schedules, Starrett and Harris will continue the SA tradition of holding office hours next semester while adapting to their responsibilities in SA. For the new leaders, it's simply a continuation of the ideals that got them elected in the first place, according to Starrett: "the fact that students consider us accessible is the best thing we have going for us."

News Editor Katie Childs '08 contributed to this article.

Students object to *Bull*'s racially insensitive article

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ter," said Denroy Thomas '07, the president-elect of BSU. "I think what he didn't understand that we weren't trying to beat down on him for *The Bull*, but explain to him why this can be offensive to people. We wanted this to be something to educate him on why this is offensive considering the history of African Americans in the country and the history on this campus."

The BSU sent an all-student e-mail on Thursday evening inviting students to have an "open dialogue and discussion about concerns that were brought to our attention regarding the December 1, 2005 issue of the *Daily Bull*." The meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. in the Red Pit.

BSU invited Siskind to attend their meeting this afternoon, but he is unable to attend because of a previous engagement. Champagne will attend the meeting in his place. "I'll give them a chance to discuss what they thought was a problem and the future," said Champagne, although he doesn't feel it will change any of *The Daily Bull*'s policies. "They mentioned that they did not appreciate [the article]."

When asked if he regretted the decision to run the article, Champagne answered, "Regret? No. I don't regret the article."

Thomas feels that this response preconditions Champagne to be unresponsive to others' concerns. "It's an opportunity to learn," said Thomas. "These are students who go to school here and if one person is concerned, you have to take into consideration their feelings."

Thomas believes that the article is not an isolated incident, but a pattern of ignorance that has pervaded the publication. "When things like this happen, you don't really laugh at it because it kind of reaffirms that it's the case that it happens," said Thomas. "It's not about an article, or this one thing, but it's a progression and a trend. Maybe it's that they're not realizing it, but minorities on

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The Spectator

This issue will be the last one of 2005 and the last of my tenure as editor-in-chief. It has been an honor to run *The Spectator* for the past year, and I will truly miss the late nights, the difficult interviews and challenging assignments. More than anything else, though, I will miss collaborating with my dedicated, talented staff of editors and managers. Far too often, the individuals listed to the right of this weekly staff editorial do not get the credit they deserve.

Managing Editor Matt Palascak has done an amazing job as our computer guru. The entire staff has become accustomed to calls of "Mattttt" echoing throughout the *Spec* office on Thursday nights. Without his knowledge, dedication and patience, we could not have gotten *The Spectator* published every week.

News Editor Katie Childs took on a challenging assignment as a sophomore and has done a great job. She has taken the initiative to write many difficult stories and has managed the News staff well. We wish her the best in D.C. next semester.

Insights & Ideas Editor Caitlin Rochford made the jump from a smaller section this semester and did a wonderful job, often taking on more pages than any other section. Her layouts have been extraordinarily creative, and she has vastly improved the section. Innovations such as the political column can be attributed solely to her.

Features Editor Whitney Kimmel worked closely with me to change the face of the section. From the start, we were on the same page, and she did a great job transforming Features from a section without a purpose to one filled with human-interest stories, profiles and reviews.

Arts & Entertainment Editor Kate Jurras came on board this semester after copy-editing during the spring. She never ceased to amaze me by writing three articles a week about 80s bands or by her speed in completing her layout. A&E has never been so interesting!

Science & Technology Editor Laura Trubiano was so excited to begin editing this semester and has really done a fantastic job. She learned how to do layout with great and increasing speed (remember that first night?) and has become a valued member of the staff.

Sports Editors Katie Stinchfield and Nick Rockwell made a smooth transition, having both never edited before. Writers for News and Sports, respectively, Katie and Nick worked really well together to create some great layouts and to cover the fall sports completely and with great skill. Although neither of them will forgive me for beating them at "Beat the Experts," I hope they'll settle for knowing that I'm really proud of the job they did.

Senior Copy Editor Allison Krutul has been with us for as long as I can remember. It is so helpful having another set of well-trained eyes look over our pages. Always willing to stay late and glad to read through every page, Allison has been a huge asset to the staff.

Copy editor Annie Schlesinger began editing this semester and did a really nice job. She caught on quickly and worked with Allison and our editors to help make this semester's issues the most error-free since I've been here.

Senior Photography Editors Bobby Cole and Letty Bedard continue to impress me with their photographic skill and their dedication to *The Spectator*. They made sure we had all the photos we needed and helped greatly with our transition to color on the front and back pages. They really make us look good!

Thanks must also go out to Advertisements Manager Dan Wittenberg, who ran our ambitious ads program that reached out to various new clients; Rebecca Grusky and Tara Rosabal, who once again did a great job managing the office; Brian Greenleaf who lugged the *Specs* around every Friday and waited for them when the printer was late; and Emily Tang, who became our savior half way through the semester when she came on board to put the paper on-line. Senior Editor Jon Kuhl also deserves thanks for his years of service to the *Spec*.

Our dozens and dozens of dedicated writers also deserve praise. Without them, there would be no *Spectator* to edit or read.

Emma Furman will be taking over as editor-in-chief in January, and I am confident that the paper is in good hands. She is well-qualified and will do a fantastic job. Good luck, Emma!

Lastly, I would like to thank our loyal readers, those who enjoy our work and those who provide constructive criticism. We put this paper together to keep you in the know, and we appreciate your continued support. Have a great Winter Break!

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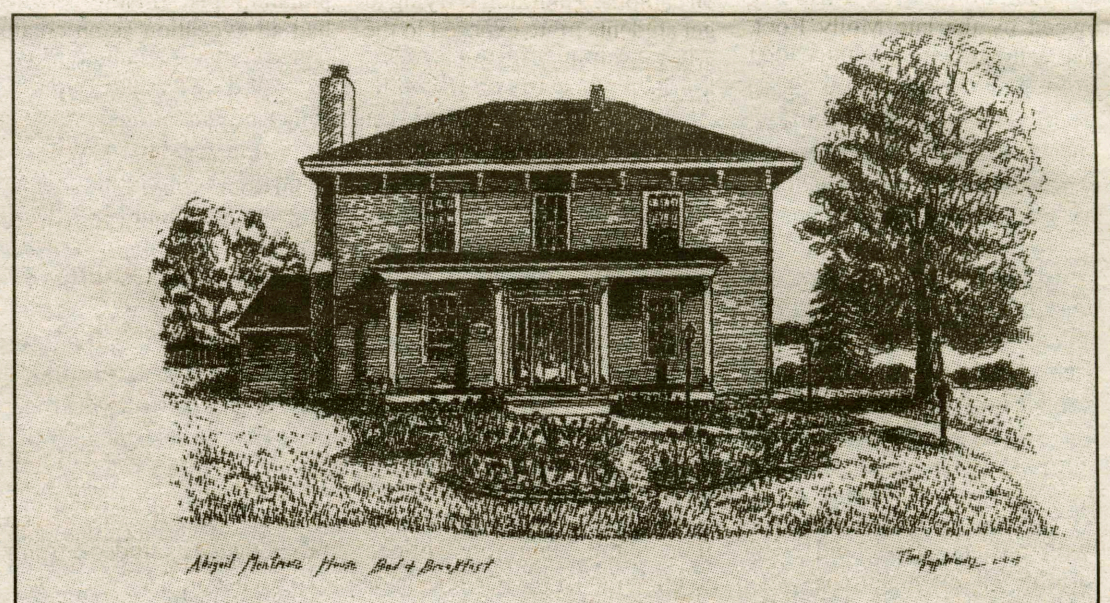

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Colgate creates risk management policy with Birnie Bus Service Inc.

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Greek leaders have expressed little interest in the loss of service. "I don't know why people wouldn't be more upset," said Dan Fielding '07, a member of Chi Psi and president-elect of the ISC. "If I used the buses more frequently I would be."

Colgate reacts quickly and finds solution

At Colgate University, the reaction has been far more passionate, even though the University's organizations use the bus service far less than Hamilton's societies. "All of the Greek organizations were angry and upset about this change in policy," said Matt Kroll '07, a member of Delta Upsilon (DU) and the Student Government Association at Colgate. DU had charted school buses through Birnie Bus in the past and had no problems with damages.

Birnie Bus contacted Kelly Opipari, director for Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at Colgate, in mid-November to discuss damage to a bus chartered by a fraternity on November 12. A student broke the emergency exit on the roof of the bus, according to Opipari. She was notified that the company had changed its bus policy and was not going to service Colgate in the future. Opipari sent an e-mail to the leaders of Colgate's Greek organizations on November 14 to notify them that the bus company would no longer be servicing off-campus parties.

While Hamilton organizations utilized the service for weekend parties, the Birnie Bus service at Colgate was only used for occasional out-of-town formals hosted by Greek societies. "Given that the situation has only recently arisen, and the issue does not affect my fraternity at the present time, an organized effort has not been made to look into alternative transportation," said Kroll.

Opipari worked with the Colgate Dean of Students Office and representatives from the bus company to create a new risk management policy and reinstate service two weeks ago. "We obviously need to utilize the bus system for students' safety," said Opipari, who commented that Birnie Bus was very helpful in working towards a solution. "They obviously want the business and they just want to make sure that everyone is as safe as possible."

Colgate's Greek societies will be formally notified of the new policies at the start of the spring semester. "The latest we've heard is that we will be able to use Birnie Bus in the future so long as we comply with more stringent rules established by the company, but we don't anticipate this to be a problem," said Charlie Liebschutz '06, former president of Theta Chi at Colgate.

Back on the Hill

Currently, "the financial manager, president, and risk manager are in discussion to see whether we are going to continue the service," said the Birnie Bus employee. Hamilton societies will have to use other bus services until a firm decision is made regarding the company's relationship with Hamilton.

Alpha Theta Chi (ATX) used the First Student Bus Company for their 80's party on December 3 in Utica. The recent Birnie Bus policy change did not affect the party, as the sorority was already planning on using First Student, although ATX previously used Birnie Bus frequently. "We used to use them more previous to last year," said Bevin Kenny '07, one of ATX's social chairs. "Because of what happened with other societies on campus, I feel like they don't trust Hamilton kids anymore."

Kenny emphasized the need to keep the bus companies happy and resolve conflicts quickly. "At our 80s party, the rearview mirror was actually broken by accident and we paid for it," said Kenny. "The company is still very happy to work with us, and we make an effort to ensure that the bus drivers always feel safe and that the crowd is under control."

One of the social chairs for Phi Beta Chi (PBX), Casey Cook '07, started looking for alternative transportation after receiving Magnarelli's e-mail in mid-November. PBX had used Birnie Bus for their Miami Vice party at the Rock and Roll Preserve Bar in Utica on October 6.

"I was worried they wouldn't let us use them," said Cook. "But, we had no problem." Birnie Bus also honored the contracts for Colgate societies that had reserved buses prior to the policy change.

Transportation for the PBX's semi-formal on December 2, however, was provided by First Student. Cook notes that the cost for First Student was more than Birnie Bus. PBX paid $550 to rent one bus last weekend, but had paid $840 in comparison for two buses at the Miami Vice party.

Finding a solution

A top priority for the ISC next semester will be resolving transportation issues with Birnie Bus, according to Fielding. He believes there should be a selective bus contract system that penalizes organizations with outstanding damage bills but not other organizations.

"The person who does create damage should either fess up or the society should just cut there losses," said Kenny. "It sucks, but it happens. We need to have good relations with the companies so we can use them in the future."

Colgate's resolution with Birnie Bus provides the prospect that Hamilton societies will also be able to find a solution. "I feel that the problem should be discussed and that all parties involved should work together to hold the ones responsible accountable, and come up with a solution to fix this problem," said Vives.

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

David Turchin presented his thesis on Tuesday night to approximately twenty-five people.

Eismeier has seniors present theses to audience

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placed on third world farmers.

The thesis developed by Alexis Castrovinci '06 focused on the failure of social security privatization. "I looked at four different policy-making groups: politicians, interest groups, the media, and the public as part of my research," said Castrovinci.

Seniors Gabe Tash, Arlo Storey, Timothy Moyer, Seth Coburn, Timothy Welchons, Staunton Peck, Justin Parker, Daniel Horowitz, Paul Bleiberg, and Jonathan Kuhl were also among the government majors presenting.

When asked why she decided to become a government major, Castrovinci cited the semester she spent last fall in Washington D.C. "I'm a neuroscience double major and ended up going to Washington for the semester to do work on health issues. I decided at that point that I wanted to be involved in public policy."

BSU will hold meeting on Friday to discuss *Daily Bull* article with College community

*from **BSU**, page 4*

this campus go through a lot and when you print something like that it just adds to it. It's like saying, 'It's okay.'"

Thomas states that the intention of the BSU is not to shut down production of *The Daily Bull*, but rather to force the staff members to be more conscious of students' feelings and experiences when deciding on content.

He doesn't believe that the right to free speech allows *The Daily Bull* to publish racially insensitive articles. "I think you need to understand the implications of saying this on a campus where so much has happened to students," said Thomas. "We're all students on this campus, and it's just really important that [the editors] understand this."

Even as Siskind professed his regret about the situation, members of *The Daily Bull* staff downplayed the controversy.

"I didn't think it was more offensive than what *The Daily Bull* had printed in the past," said Adam Polonski '08. "We've had controversies in the past and things that are more controversial than this have not gotten any comment."

Champagne stated that stirring up controversy was not the intention of the article. "Judging from Scott's response, I don't think he selected the article in search of controversy," said Champagne. "It certainly wasn't approved with the hopes it would be controversial."

Siskind has been acting as temporary editor. He creates *The Daily Bull* every night and sends it to Champagne, who reviews the publication, and then e-mails it to the Print Shop to be published. Regardless of who compiles the content, as editor-in-chief, Champagne is ultimately responsible for the publication's content. *The Daily Bull* is funded by the Hamilton College Media Board (note: *The Spectator* is also a member and receives funding from this Board).

"I apologize very much for this incident and assure everyone it will not happen again," said Siskind.

Almost all of the BSU's thirty members are expected to attend Friday's meeting with Champagne, members of the student body, and Berenecea Johnson, associate dean of students for diversity and accessibility.

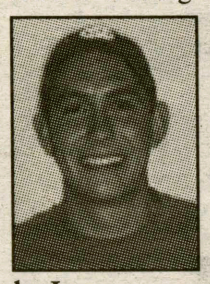
Furman selected as editor-in-chief of *The Spectator*

The Hamilton College Media Board selected Emma Furman '07 as the next editor-in-chief of *The Spectator* on Tuesday, a position she will assume at the beginning of the spring semester. Furman, who is spending the semester in Barcelona, Spain, interviewed with the Board Tuesday evening.

Furman wrote for the News section of *The Spectator* during her freshman year and edited the News Section during both semesters of her sophomore year. She is an English major.

Insights & Ideas

The responsibilities of a college newspaper



by Ian Mandel '06
Editor-in-Chief

One of the most satisfying parts of being an editor at *The Spectator* is walking down Martin's Way at 4:00 on Friday afternoons and seeing every person you pass with the paper in hand, anxiously flipping through the pages. As my term as editor-in-chief of *The Spectator* comes to a close, I'd like to highlight the important role an indendent college newspaper plays, especially at a school as small as Hamilton.

A free, student-run college newspaper is truly an amazing thing. Think about it. Today, colleges and universities are run like giant corporations, with large communications staffs handling their public image and numerous consulting firms advising administrators on the next step to take. Yet, colleges like Hamilton still provide tens of thousands of dollars every year to fund publications like *The Spectator*, even though they have no control over the content. This dedication to freedom of the press, even at private institutions that are particularly concerned about their image (as they should be), is a testament to the importance of open dialogue and freedom of expression on college campuses.

School newspapers play a vitally important role for every member of the college community. The primary function is as an unfiltered distributor of information. By "unfiltered," I mean a source of information that has not been crafted, twisted or modified by school administrators. An independent news source is important because it provides information without the spin of educational politics. At Hamiton, *The Spectator* has continuously filled this role. Since I arrived on the Hill in 2002, the community has learned of issues ranging from President Tobin's resignation to the arrest of two first-year students in 2003 for cocaine possession from the pages of *The Spectator*. In these cases and in many others, our staff fulfilled its responsibility to present factual information without bias and without regard for the interests of the administration. This is a key aspect of maintaining our independence.

However, student journalists inherently have a conflict of interest. As a student-run publication, every writer and editor at *The Spectator* is also a member of the Hamilton student body. We are charged with reporting the news truthfully; yet, we also have a stake in the continued success of the College. Think of a professional comparison. Imagine if 95% of the articles in every issue of the *New York Times* or *Washington Post* were about the inner workings of the newspaper, stories about the colleagues reporters passed in the hallways and the higher-ups they greatly respected. How would the reporters handle writing honestly about such familiar, personal topics, especially when the stories were unflattering? Now think about Hamilton College, an intimate community where students are exposed to the same people, students, professors, staff and administrators, day after day. *The Spectator* predominately covers campus events, which we, as writers and editors, inherently have a personal connection to. Separating our own interests and opinions from the stories we publish is perhaps our greatest challenge.

That challenge has been particularly pronounced over the past year, as the Hill has become shrouded in a cloud of controversy. In *The Spectator's* November 5, 2004 issue, we reported on the emerging debate between members of the faculty regarding the hiring of Susan Rosenberg. That debate quickly developed into what we then thought was a national controversy. The College received a good deal of negative attention for the hiring because Rosenberg had previously been sentenced to 58 years in prison after being convicted of intent to kill and injure with 740 pounds of explosives and an arsenal of weapons found in her possession. This situation was problematic for our staff because reporting the truth damaged Hamilton's reputation and potentially decreased the value of our diplomas. I am proud to say that our staff handled the Rosenberg affair with professionalism, even though it may have exposed facts that hurt Hamilton, our personal prospects for the future and our pride.

Just when everyone at Hamilton thought it couldn't get any worse, Ward Churchill became a part of our everyday vocabulary. In January 2005, I wrote a piece called "Controversial speaker to visit Hill," after having been notified of Churchill's impending visit. *The Spectator* was the first publication nationally to draw attention to Churchill's inflammatory rhetoric surrounding the September 11 attacks and ultimately led to a national media firestorm that arguably damaged Hamilton's reputation severely. Local papers monitoring *The Spectator* picked up the story, and from there it snowballed to national news outlets. The media, from the editorial page of *The Wall Street Journal* to Bill O'Reilly's show on Fox News, berated Hamilton, President Joan Hinde Stewart, former Director of the Kirkland Project Nancy Rabinowitz and others.

Nothing good came out of the Ward Churchill affair. Stewart was placed on the hot seat for an issue that she had no immediate say over. Rabinowitz, one of the nicest people I've had the pleasure of meeting, ultimately lost her role with the Kirkland Project, where she had done some very good work, regardless of the merits of her decision to invite Churchill. Hamilton was in the press, once again for the wrong reasons, and the personal reputations of others associated with the College were undoubtedly damaged. The Churchill affair was another conflict of interest for our student staff, including myself.

Members of our staff are very proud to attend Hamilton College and are glad to be spending their college years here. My own affection for the College made exposing its problems like stabbing an old friend in the back.

As the college newspaper, however, we had an obligation to honestly inform the members of the Hamilton community about what was going on, who exactly had been invited to speak on campus and what the response was. We reported truthfully, and as a result, Hamilton took a hit in the press, was criticized by many alumni and became the target of hate mail and at least one death threat.

It was difficult for us to write things that hurt Hamilton because we are inextricably linked to the institution, just like it would be difficult for professional journalists to knowingly hurt their own publication, their colleagues and superiors. I am proud to say, however, that we did not cave in to the pressure. We fulfilled our obligation to the Hamilton community by informing them of the truth, from the beginning of the controversy to the end.

Conflicts of interest, such as those of the last year, will continue to plague future editors of *The Spectator*. As much as we would like for Hamilton to be free of controversy in the future, negative stories will undoubtedly arise, whether large or small, and we will continue to tell students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and other readers the truth, nothing more and nothing less.

College newspapers at Hamilton and at schools across the nation have an obligation to their readers not to be the pawn of the administration or a propaganda tool for the interests of the institution. We need to strike a balance between being representatives of the school and neutral bystanders calling the shots as we see them. This is the responsibility of college journalists, to separate our competing interests and be a source of unbiased information, regardless of the story. I believe *The Spectator* has done a fine job fulfilling this responsibility, and I look forward to it doing so in the future.

Thumbs up

- Hamilton reppin the VV catalog. Showing the world that we can still prep with the best of them.

- Sig parties - sketchy dudes, sweet-ass-sweet music.

- Never having to go to your crappy class again.

- Jan admits - the first fresh thing the College has seen since Bon Appetit last bought meat in 1995.

- Dunkin Donuts - caffeinating Hamilton one final at a time.

- Samuel Kirkland films - nice job, but next semester how 'bout some porn?

Thumbs down

- ATX '80s party - for $15 that whiskey and ginger ale should have come with an "extra perk."

- Wearing the same clothes for 3 days because you haven't left the library.

- *The Bull*'s apology for their racist fake history. No wonder Lord Apolon lost the election. P.S. - Nice tag on the outside of List.

- Setting up potential winter break hook-ups by messaging your high school friends on Facebook.

by Jesse Gaylord '06 and Daniel Horowitz '06

Who cares

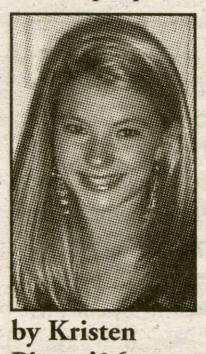
- Thesis presentation in Dance - the only dance presentation we'd go to starts at 11:00 at Peepers.

- Professors sucking up to get good evaluations. It would've worked if it wasn't for your crappy class.

- Dry Week - you're telling me I can't get hammered after working for 15 days straight? right...

- ISC - the sign of an effective governing body: breaking knee caps to get people to run for office.

Life or something like it



by Kristen Pinna '06
Insights & Ideas Writer

Long distance relationships: what does it take to survive one? That depends on the two people involved, because for some they prove impossible to maintain, and for others they are quite simple. Amidst the chaos that racks each and every one of our lives during semesters here at Hamilton, having a significant other away from our snow-capped environment on the Hill can appear a nuisance, rather than a source of comfort. Having to constantly fill that 'far and away' partner in on the details of your latest fraternity function or lunch discussion on a daily basis can prove to be a trying feat. It seems almost foolish, then, to bother dating someone not floating within the Hamilton bubble. But, there is something to be said for remaining part of a relationship regardless of how much face time you get with one another. Sometimes the most successful partnerships result from a balance of maintaining one's own personal life, while also having the ability to mesh those separate lives together from time to time. The question of how to survive the distance that inevitably comes with attending separate schools or living in different cities surfaces once again. While not simple to follow or necessary to fulfilling a healthy long distance relationship, there are some tactics couples can employ to make their partnership remain viable across state lines.

Although this might seem a bit redundant and almost a non-spoken necessity for being part of a long distance relationship, making sacrifices for one another is essential. If one person needs the other to travel a long while to be at a formal or another important collegiate function, the sacrifice should be made. Sharing the time both partners spend with family during the holiday season is an integral sacrifice, as well. Take Nick and Jessica as a celebrity example of the consequences of not giving up something for the other. According to the tabloids, Nick refused to spend Thanksgiving with his wife's family in Texas. Although this was not the direct cause of their recent separation, it was certainly another catalyst.

A second important tactic to keep in mind when trying to maintain a long distance relationship is trust. It would be next to impossible to date someone who one does not see very often if trust does not exist between the two. The mere mention of a party or a drunken night with friends could spur an onslaught of accusatory questions regarding cheating, amongst other things. Referring back to the aforementioned celebrity example, the rumors of repeated adultery on both Nick and Jessica's parts were apparently a significant reason for their pending divorce. Not sustaining a certain level of trust in any relationship, but especially with one that is stretching across distance, is a rather large mistake.

The third, and final, tactic that has proven over time to sustain a long distance bond is a random act of kindness every now and again. Sending flowers sometimes or even writing a quick e-mail just to show that one cares is invaluable for reminding one another why the relationship works. Actions certainly do speak louder than words and while saying, "I love you," over the phone each night is appreciated, another gesture might carry more weight when it's unexpected.

Although sacrifice, trust, and random acts of kindness aid in the sustenance of long distance relationships, they are not the only means by which to maintain the bond between two people. Finding one's own balance between desires and needs is essential to making any relationship, regardless of the amount of hours standing between the two people involved, a successful one.

Dear Hamilton Helper

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I'm not sure what to do about exchanging gifts with my friends. At home I used to give all of my friends gifts, but now that I'm paying for college I don't think that I can afford it. I know some of my friends plan on getting me things. What can I do?
~Puzzled by Presents

Dear Puzzled,

Maybe you could convince your friends that instead of buying separate gifts for everyone you should try some sort of "Secret Santa" arrangement. Then you'd only have to buy one set of gifts. You could even do a Secret Santa where you do nice things or leave little notes or candy for gifts. If you really need to get everybody gifts, but don't have the money, you could start giving things in your room to people. You'll just have to work to convince them that you've never used those earrings and that people would be thrilled to get that pen.

Dear Hamilton Helper,

I can't help but think that I'm going to be really sad over break and miss all my friends here at Hamilton. I've gotten so used to life on the Hill that I think going home for a month will really throw me off. What can I do to cope?
~Heartbroken Hamiltonian

Dear Heartbroken,

You'll only be home for a month, and in that month you'll get to relax with no homework. Also, think of all the family and friends you've been missing that you'll get to see. If you feel that you really can't deal with leaving college life then just inform your roommate that you're coming to stay with her and live in her closet over break. Her presence will remind you of school and the closet is probably the same size as some of the dorm rooms.

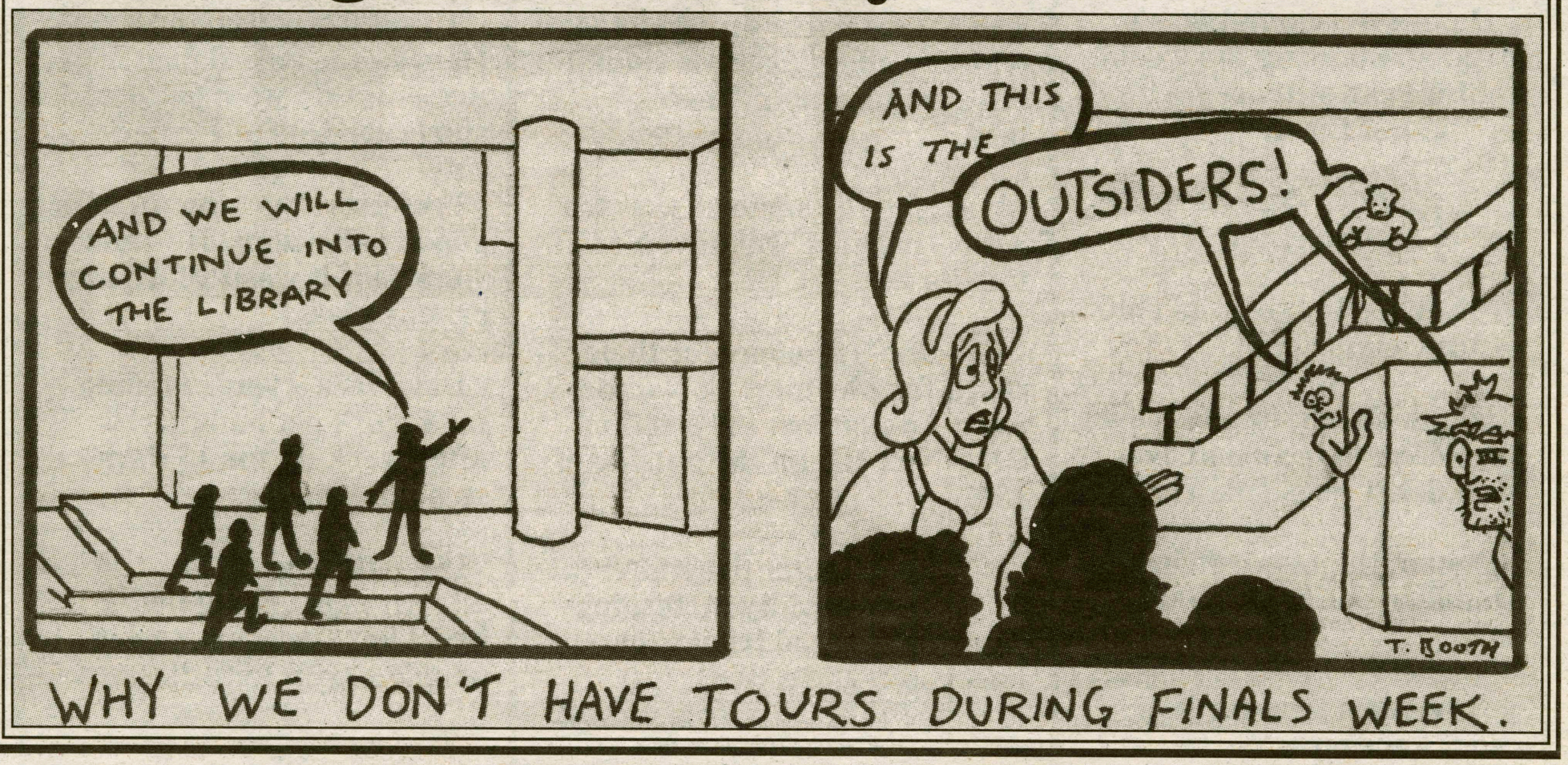
Dear Hamilton Helper,

I have my last final on Sunday, which means that I'm going to be on campus when most of my friends will already be gone. It really sucks that I have to be here so late. What can I do about it?
~Frustrated by late finals

Dear Frustrated,

Short of asking your professor if they'll be offering an additional time to take the final, there isn't much that you can do to change when you have to take your test. If you're upset about being the only one left in your dorm, then you should ask around- I'm sure there are other people who aren't leaving until Sunday. Anyway you're going to be so busy studying that you'll hardly even notice they aren't there....right?

Drawing Criticism by Tom Booth '06



Editor's note: There will be tours during finals week.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Hamilton students:

I am a student of Hamilton College, like you. But there is a little difference between us: most of you are American, and I am a visiting student from Europe. It does not make such a big difference, you must think. No, you are right, in general it does not make a big difference. However, I look at the world from a different perspective and I have different habits from yours. So, why do I write to your newspaper today? If I take my pen, it is because for the three months I have been here, I have noticed that Europeans and Americans think and above all act toward energy consumption differently. I first realized that when I saw my roommate never turned off her fan (it worked night and day, whether she was in the room or not). Therefore, the purpose of my letter is very simple: make you turn off the light each time you leave your room and explain to you why you have to do that.

To waste energy by leaving uselessly light or fans on has a cost. The tendency of students to consume always more energy is proved by Hamilton data. For five years, the number of students at Hamilton has stayed the same, but the electricity consumption has increased every year. The College tried to make the students aware of this important cost by a campaign of stickers on the switcher. But it seems that this campaign was useless, because the electricity bill rose 21% between 2000 and 2005, to reach $41,660.00 this year (according to the Business Office).

You might object this argument by saying "Hamilton pays, not the students. Who cares?" A student can think that he pays already a lot of money to the College, and that it would be acceptable that he can consume all the energy he wants to. This attitude is pointless, because it is useless to make the College support new costs. Hamilton will have to find all this money somewhere and might ask students to pay more money for the board and room. Moreover, the money spent for electricity is not spent to improve the quality of life of the College. Imagine all the things Hamilton could do with the $10,000.00 it had to pay in supplement the past five years. Therefore, saving energy will have financial benefits for the College and indirectly for students.

Moreover, your comportment towards the wasting of energy, reproduced at the scale of a whole country, has important environmental consequences. The household consumption of electricity has risen not only in Hamilton College, but also in the whole United States. After a constant consumption of energy in the 1970s and at the beginning of the 1980s, this consumption rose of more than 30% in less than 20 years (1984-2001) according to the US Department of Energy. When you know that less than 10% of electricity is produced thanks to renewable energies, you realize that natural resources like petroleum and gas are consumed or that nuclear waste is created each time you waste energy. It is the exact contrary of a concept widely used in Europe but quite unknown here: sustainable development. This concept means than you try act without compromising the earth and its resources for the future generations. Moreover, this inattention paid to the wasting of energy is indicative of a more general attitude of many Americans: consuming goods or services like electricity without thinking of environmental consequence. This attitude is called consumerism.

Therefore, don't be a caricature of the consumerist American who doesn't care about the earth on which he or she is living, switch off your light and fan!

Aglae Bernard
Visiting Student

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A message from Outgoing Student Assembly President Michael Blasie '07

In most cases, minors are earned by taking and passing about five courses in a given department. In some cases the minor requires students to take specific courses or requires two or three of the courses taken to be above a certain level (e.g. 200 or above level course). Hamilton College students are currently prohibited from having their transcript acknowledge the attainment of more than one minor. A student's current options are: major and no minor, major and minor, or double major and no minor. The Executive Committee of the Student Assembly is wondering what you think about having the option to double minor. This article will give you a better understanding of some of the arguments expressed on both sides of the issue. In a few days the junior and senior class will receive an online survey soliciting your input, but in the meantime you can submit questions and comments to SA@hamilton.edu.

Common Arguments in Favor of the Option to Double Minor

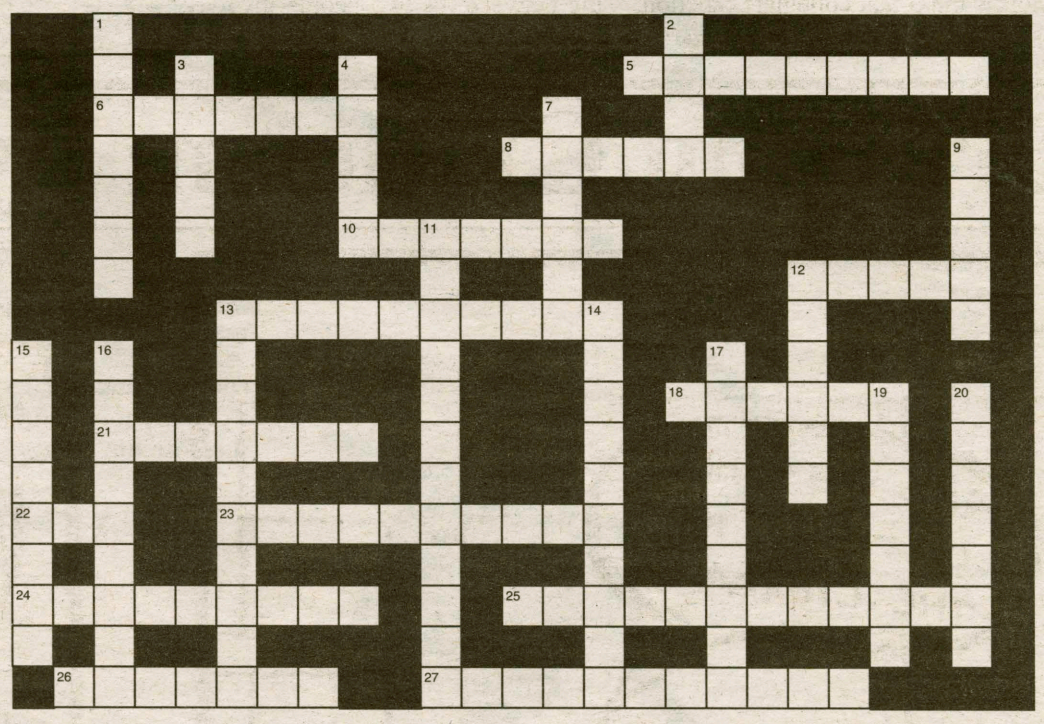
1. A double major is about twenty courses in two disciplines, and a major with two minors is about twenty courses in three disciplines, thus a major with a double minor is actually more of a liberal arts education than a double major. Furthermore, students have plenty of electives to ensure a liberal arts education.
2. Students earning two minors should receive the acknowledgment. There is no reason why the attainment of one minor should prohibit the acknowledgment of having attained another.
3. The only place a major or minor will appear on official college documentation is on a transcript. A minor can compliment the major and/or demonstrate competence in a useful skill.
4. This proposed change is logistically feasible and would not require substantial alterations to the current system.
5. Schools that have the option of attaining a Double Minor include Colby, Haverford, Swarthmore and large universities (e.g. U.C. Berkley, U.C. Santa Barbara, University of Arizona).

Common Arguments Opposing the Double Minor

1. The academic specialization associated with a double minor does not represent the ideals of a liberal arts education.
2. Allowing a double minor is not in a student's future interests. A double minor may demonstrate a lack of focus and can devalue the focus a reader places on the major and the other minor.
3. Allowing the double minor may open the door to a triple minor or even a triple major, which are unquestionably unacceptable and would reflect poorly on the college.
4. Graduate schools and employers read through transcripts and can see what classes students have taken; thus, it is unnecessary to acknowledge any additional minors because the transcript "speaks for itself."
5. Schools that do not offer the option to Double Minor include Colgate, Williams, Amherst, Wesleyan, Pomona, and Bowdoin.

Festivals of Light

by Annie Schlesinger '06 and Caitlin Rochford '06



Across

5. This holiday marks the end of Ramadan
6. Traditional game played during Chanukah
8. Chanukah starts on the 25th day of this month
10. Pan-african holiday
12. Night of _____: when Muhammad received the first revelation of the Quran
13. Pagan origin of Christmas
18. Traditional pancake served on Chanukah
21. Traditional French manger figurines
22. This didn't run out for eight days
23. Spanish lanterns
24. He tried to force Greek culture on the Jews
25. Edible Yule Log
26. Origin country of Christmas tree
27. The fourth day of Diwali celebrates this

Down

1. He leads Santa's sleigh
2. Number of candles on the menorah
3. December 25th b-day boy
4. Color of middle candle
7. Hindu festival of light
9. Gold, frankincense, and _____
11. Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary
12. In Germany, they hide this on the tree
13. Swedish winter solstice festival
14. This goes on 18 across
15. Patron saint of Christmas
16. You kiss under this
17. Surname of warrior who restored temple in Jerusalem
19. Middle candle on the menorah
20. Nguzo Saba means "Seven Principles" in this language

Hamilton Unscripted

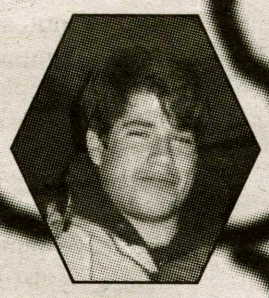
by Eric Kuhn '09 and Michelle Butler '06

Question of the week:

How would you evaluate your participation in a course?

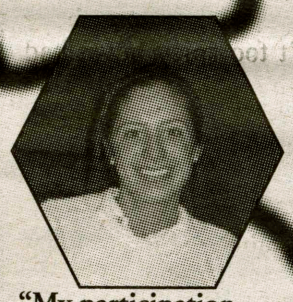
Happy Holidays from The Spectator

And a Happy New Year!!



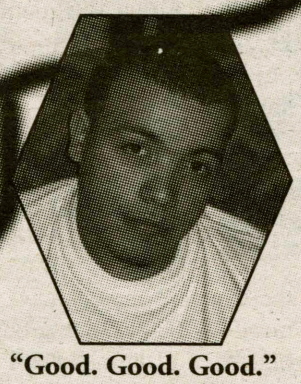
"My omnipotence was a great addition to the class."
~John Allen '09

"You actually fill out those forms? I just circle the numbers!"
~Ali Simons '06



"My participation depended on who I was trying to impress that day."
~Emily Gambir '07

"If I'm not hungover, I try to participate often."
~Liz Purchia '06



"Good. Good. Good."
~Roy Rivera '09

"We participated regularly and enthusiastically. We found a cure for cancer, and a solution for world hunger. We're theater majors."
~Amanda Besinger '06
and Sugey Terrero '06

Features

Students enjoy the holiday season in various ways

by Laura Blair '09
FEATURES WRITER

The holidays can be a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends and to partake in celebrated family and cultural traditions. For many Hamilton students, this time of the year is a much needed break from studying and writing papers and allows them to relax and get into the holiday spirit. Many different holidays are celebrated during this time of the year such as Chanukah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas, and Hamilton students participate in activities of all sorts for these different celebrations.

Sarah Schol '06 says that she celebrates Christmas by doing a lot of different things with her friends and family.

"I really love baking cookies with my sister and getting to see all my relatives. The candlelight Christmas Eve service my church has is always really special to me and singing the song Silent Night and looking at the candles always makes me cry. My family always has a really big breakfast on Christmas day, which is amazing. Every year I also take out my old piano book from when I took lessons years ago and play What child is this? because it was my father's favorite Christmas Carol and it reminds me of him and that makes me joyous and sad at the same time because I remember his love for me. It's really important to me to remind the birth of my savior during this advent period and to remember my Heavenly Father's love and when I play that old song, Christmas becomes all the more real and personal for me."

Eric Kuhn '09 celebrates Chanukah during this season. "We get a gift or two every night, and on the last night we get the best gift of all 8 nights. Before dinner each night we light the menorah and each child in my family has their own menorah to light. My mom usually makes things like potato latkes and sets the table really festively."

Although Kuhn admits that he looks forward to getting gifts each night of the celebration, he insists that the meaning behind the holiday season cannot be found inside a package. "It's not about the gifts. The holiday time and spirit is not about you, it's about giving back to others and the community. I always go to New York City and feed the homeless during this time. My family and I also sponsor a family in our town and go out and go shopping for gifts for them. I mean nobody wants to be Scrooge during the holidays! Bah-humbug!" he said.

Kuhn also said that he enjoys getting into the Christmas spirit, despite his Jewish heritage. "I love going to Starbucks and buying the Christmas Blend coffee. It's phenomenal! I think everyone needs to go out to their local Starbucks and buy the Christmas blend and the Christmas Mix CD and then go home, make the coffee, and listen to the great selection of Christmas songs on the CD."

According to Natasha Jenkins '07 who celebrates Kwanzaa, "Kwanzaa is a traditional African American celebration that emphasizes unity and collective responsibility. Kwanzaa is a time for African Americans to reflect on the contributions their ancestors gave and recommit to continuing their legacy. BSU will celebrate Kwanzaa on Sunday at 6:15 in the Annex and all are welcome to attend," she said.

Chloe Major '09 celebrates both Chanukah and Christmas because her mother is Jewish and her father was raised Christian. "For Chanukah, my mom usually starts each night by saying a blessing and then we light the menorah and have dinner together. The dreidel game is my favorite thing about Chanukah because it reminds me of my childhood," she said.

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The holiday season is a huge event on and off the Hill.

Her family also practices many of the traditional Christmas celebrations. "We all get Christmas gifts in addition to our Chanukah gifts. I love decorating the Christmas tree. It's my favorite part of all the Christmas traditions," she said.

Elizabeth Kelly '09 says that Christmas time is her favorite time of the year. "My favorite Christmas tradition is when my mom, brother and sister and I get together to make candy houses. We make them out of cardboard and use white icing to decorate it and then put finishing touches on them with all kinds of candy," she said.

Decorating the Christmas tree is a tradition made new each year for Kelly because each member of her family buys a new ornament each year to decorate the tree with. "It's really cool because I have one from every year of my childhood. When I go through the ornaments, I get to see all the different fads that I was into back then- like the year that my siblings and I all bought Lion King ornaments. It's so funny to see all the stages I went through," she said.

Kelly fondly remembers the Christmases of her childhood. "We always have Christmas a day early because my relatives have always celebrated a day early for some reason. When we were younger my siblings and I had to call Santa and tell him to come a day early and we also had to specify that he had to come through the back door since we did not have a chimney," she said.

Sarah Moore '09 celebrates Chanukah every year and looks forward to this time with great joy."I love the holiday season. My small Southern town is full of bright lights and looks so beautiful. Chanukah is such a special time during the year. It's a time when we are celebrating this incredible miracle that happened thousands of years ago. And it's a time when we are able to notice the miracles that happen everyday around us that we otherwise fail to notice. It's not just the potato latkes I look forward to, although they are really, really good, I look forward to the greatest miracle of all that we can experience during Chanukah. That miracle is love, and we often take it for granted, but it's pretty hard to overlook it during the holiday season. You don't have to be Jewish to experience the miracle of this time of the year, everyone can feel the spirit of the season," she said.
Happy Holidays!!

Where to Eat: Chili Cook-off, Bon Appetit

by Sam Gitlitz '08
FEATURES WRITER

There's nothing like a warm bowl of chili on a cold winter day. A steaming bowl of the spicy tomato stew quickly zaps away any cold that may have clung to you. Hamilton seems to have a certain affection for chili. We have one cook-off during Febfest and the dining halls just had their own cook-off. Each of the four dining options on campus cooked up a chili for this afternoon in commons, served with the appropriate condiments such as cheese, tortillas, and sour cream it promised to be long afternoon in Commons. It was a face off of Commons vs. McEwen and the Howard Diner vs. The Pub in a scramble to prove who could make the best bowl of chili. So, for those of you who missed it here's your commentary and my opinion of whose the meanest chili chefs on campus.

Commons put forth a tomato and barbequed pork chili. There were whole chunks of pork, which was a refreshing change from the typical ground meat. Tender white beans and green peppers played background, but were necessary accompaniments. The barbeque sauce provided a sweet and tangy taste, which none of the other chilies had. The sweet taste and the chunks of pork really made a superb chili. It wasn't too spicy but it had enough subtle heat to make it interesting.

The Pub's chili was gone by the time that I got to the contest. That can only speak to its quality, so I'm assuming that it was quite good.

McEwen came out with a vegetarian chili, no surprises there. They did do a good job creating a faux meat, and the texture could have fooled anyone had the label not been there. I found the chili to taste too much like vegetables, but when you're pushing a place called the green café what can you expect?

The Diner made a black bean and chicken chili. I wasn't able to tell if the chicken was extremely over cooked and falling apart, or if I wasn't getting any. There were some caramelized onions which added a certain sweetness to the dish; however, the flavor of the black beans was overpowering and really took over the dish. There wasn't enough spicy flavor either, but it wasn't bad at all.

My favorite was commons, the combination of sweet, tangy, and spicy couldn't be beat. I'd have loved to try the pub's, so. hopefully they'll be making some more sometime soon. McEwen and the Diner tied in my book, both with a noble effort. Febfest's chili cook-off should be interesting, as its only going to be bigger and better than the last one.

Hamilton History

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER

Robert Parris Moses (commonly known as Bob Moses), a Civil Rights Activist and the founder of the US Algebra project, is our last famous Hamiltonian of the semester.

Born in Harlem, New York, on January 23, 1985, he received his BA from Hamilton in 1956. He went on to study philosophy at Harvard University, eventually attaining a certificate for teaching and going on to work at the Horace Mann School in New York City.

In 1960, Moses joined the civil rights movement, helping to organize the Freedom Riders, who objected to the control of the Jim Crow laws in the southern United States. Moses himself spent time in the south, demanding that President John F. Kennedy's administration protect Moses and other rights activists.

Moses joined the movement full-time in 1964, serving as a leading member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and as Co-Director of the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO), a group that organized all the major civil rights groups in Mississippi. Moses also helped to form the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party that attempted to challenge the regular politicians in the 1964 elections.

Soon after, Moses quit the civil rights movement due to its change in direction and worked as a teacher in Tanzania from 1969-1975. In 1976, Moses returned to Harvard to complete his doctorate in philosophy. In 1982, he received the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship, using the money to create the Algebra Project.

The Algebra Project continues to this day as a national effort for low-income students and students of color to achieve sufficient mathematics literacy in high school that will help them in college preparatory needs. It helps to develop curriculums, train teachers and teacher-trainers, and provides ongoing support and community involvement. Today, the project reaches approximately 10,000 students and 300 teachers per year.

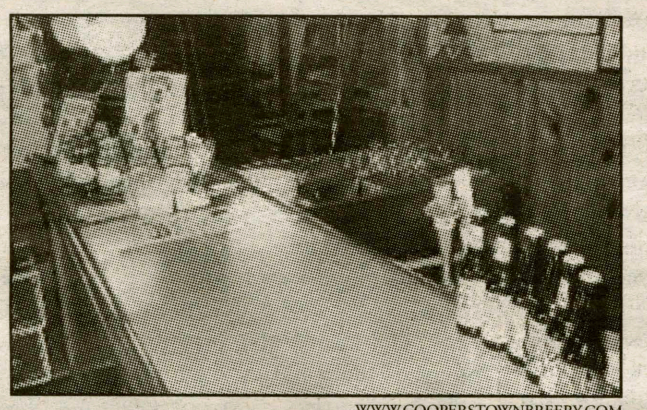
Robert Moses continues to educate young people, teaching math at Lanier High School in Jackson, Mississippi, where he develops and tests new Algebra Project methods.

Beyond Keystone: Cleanin' Out the Fridge

by Jesse Gaylord '06
and Jeff Dixon '06
FEATURES WRITERS

First off, we would like to apologize to our loyal readers for failing to put together an article last week. Between sickness and theses it just didn't work out. It'll never happen again, promise.

This week's article should be interesting. It gives readers an intimate look into the fridges of the boys of *Beyond Keystone*. We're giving you a chance to see what we really drink and what we really don't drink. A quick inventory of the fridges (there are three you know: we've got the food fridge, which a few brews always find their way into, the cheap beer fridge next to the TV and the V.I.P. fridge upstairs) revealed a hodge-podge of the remnants of impulse buys, bad recommendations from friends, changing tastes, shallow bank accounts and unexpected gifts. The list includes Wagner Valley's Caywood Station Stout, Boulder Brewing Company's Sweaty Betty (remember her?), Flying Dog's In Heat Wheat, Saranac's Pumpkin Ale, Smuttynose's Robust Porter, Cooperstown's Strike-Out Stout and Benchwarmer Porter, Stroh's Old Mil and Sierra Nevada's Pale Ale.



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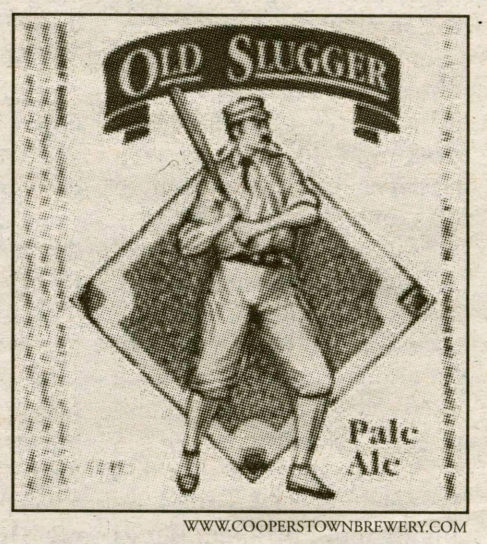
The Keystone boys revisited flavors from the past and a few new ones while cleaning out their fridge before break.

Although winter has arrived with a vengeance, the first brew from the fridge celebrates the essence of the fall harvest. The beer, Saranac's Pumpkin Ale, created quite a stir this fall. When Jesse first went to the brewery looking for it, the woman he spoke with told him the Pumpkin Ale is the most popular beer they have ever brewed and that they had long sold out of it. A subsequent trip to Kraig's Kegs yielded a similar result. However, Kraig pulled some strings with the brewery and got us hooked up. I guess writing an article titled *Beyond Keystone* earns you some street cred at the beer store. Cracking this brew released an aroma evocative of pumpkin pie. As we moved in to lay lip, hints of cinnamon, cloves and vanilla wafted towards us. The first step to enjoying this beer is pouring it into a glass to liberate its wonders. The Pumpkin Ale's color is reminiscent of the burnt top on grandma's pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving morn'. After layin' lip we realized that this beer isn't about hops and malts, but really more about vanilla and cloves. This beer greets you with vanilla which stays through the sip until the cloves take precedence in finishin' 'er down. Unlike Jack's Pumpkin Spice, which is an offense to the style (and had a short run at the Pub), the subtle complexity of Saranac's Pumpkin Ale wins it high marks with us.

Up next was a long time favorite, Sierra Nevada's Pale Ale. It's rather remarkable that we haven't tasted this brew yet. Sierra Nevada is arguably the beer which started the micro-brew revolution, although you can hardly call Sierra Nevada a micro-brew these days. Its vast distribution and reliable quality make it a good beer you can find anywhere. Sierra Nevada is brewed in Chico, California, not to be confused with Chino, California which is where Ryan from "The O.C." was born. Ryan Currently resides at the Cohen's crib in Newport Beach. Moving on. The Sierra Nevada is the quintessential American Pale Ale. Its taste is smooth and consistent but its finish is hoppy enough to satisfy a discerning palate. This brew isn't exactly driving the hop train, but it's riding comfortably in coach. If you're looking to break into the pale ale scene, this is great beer to bust down the proverbial door. Plus dudes drink Sierra Nevada, like Ryan from Chino. Don't you wanna be like Ryan?



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Brews like Cooperstown Strike Out Stout and Benchwarmer Porter make another appearance.

From the cheap beer fridge came the pride of the Stroh Brewery: Old Milwaukee. Well, not everything we drink is good, although Stroh claims this brew is a "fine premium beer." We ask ourselves, what exactly does "fine premium" mean? Well, if this brew exemplifies fine premium, we're not interested. College 101: While drinking from a bottle makes you look sophisticated, remember what your mother told you: it's what's inside that counts. And what's inside this bottle is pure rubbish. The taste is offensive. It's like flat ginger-ale with a shot of sweaty gym sock. And let's be serious, Ryan would def not drink this brew. Marissa would dump him which isn't necessarily a bad thing. Let's assume for a minute that you're a Sierra Nevada drinker. A Marissa like Sierra Nevada drinker. You pick up Marissa. Ryan leave on boat for big fish in sea. College 102: Drink Sierra Nevada, not Old Mil. College 103: Don't write *Beyond Keystone* in the middle of working on your thesis.

One Love. We're Out,
-Gay-Dix

H.A.V.O.C. Recognition Banquet celebrates a semester of great service

by Megan Kase '09
FEATURES WRITER

The HAVOC Executive Board sponsored its annual recognition banquet in the Annex, on Tuesday, December 6, acknowledging the efforts of altruism over the past semester. HAVOC, an organization born in 1988, has made this event become one of their longstanding traditions. Held twice a year, the banquet strives to celebrate HAVOC's community service achievements and recognize outstanding members. All HAVOC members, in addition to site coordinators and community partners, were invited.

This year's banquet featured dinner, speeches, a slideshow and awards. HAVOC Executive Board member Katie Childs '08 said, "We had pork, macaroni and cheese, green beans, salad, rolls, and cranberry holiday punch. There was also a huge sheet cake with the HAVOC logo on it, which was a hit with the volunteers, and my neighbors, who got to eat the leftovers." Director John Pappano '06 delivered a speech reviewing the semester's successes. A new addition to this year's banquet was the slideshow. Pappano said, "This year we had a very cool movie slideshow of Make a Difference Day made by Julie Haney ['07]." This year HAVOC distributed awards to six outstanding members. Kristina Carroll '07 and Erica Colligan '06 were rewarded for their work as site coordinators at the Cornhill Soccer League. Zoe Baldwin '06 was recognized for her efforts for the Relay for Life. HAVOC also awarded the three senior members of the HAVOC executive board: Sharon Hakim, John Pappano and Haley Reimbold.

This year's winter banquet was organized by executive board member Katie Childs. Childs, who previously organized last year's spring banquiet, had quite the task on her hands. She described the planning process: "We've had the date for the event picked out since the beginning of the semester. This semester, I created a volunteer database that lists all of our volunteers, their class years, e-mails, and volunteer interests. I utilized that list to invite all of our volunteers, over 375 right now, to the banquet, plus over 40 site coordinators." Childs particularly enjoyed shopping for the event. She stated, "Oh, and the fun part: shopping for decorations. Everything was red and white, with holiday lights and holiday jazz music making the Annex space more formal."

The particular weather conditions created an even more quaint setting, prompting an even more reflective ambience. Childs stated that the event, "seemed really intimate because of the holiday lights and the snowstorm outside." Since HAVOC is such a large organization, events like this bring the community together. "The event is a really great chance to meet other volunteers, network with faculty and community partners, and reflect on a semester of service. Every banquet is enjoyable because these elements are present," said Childs.

For those involved in the production of the event, the banquet was particularly gratifying. Childs stated, "I've spent the last few weeks racing around organizing invitations, decorations, food, music, and everything for this one event. During the banquet, it was nice to just sit back and enjoy the banquet and the company of everyone who attended. It's wonderful to get to know our dedicated volunteers better and let them know that we appreciate all of their hard work and dedication." HAVOC's humanitarian efforts over the past semester certainly were a cause for a celebration. Executive board member Emily Pallin '07commented, "It was just so much fun to see everyone celebrate their work over the semester!"

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Know the facts: About the Spanish Club

Weekly profiles featuring student run organizations

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
FEATURES WRITER

Are you interested in improving your Spanish? How about community service? The Spanish Club at Hamilton College can help you accomplish either one of these goals, and you do not even have to be taking Spanish courses to join. Every other Monday evening in CJ 222, a group of Hamilton students meet to discuss what is happening in their lives and in the world in general, all the while speaking Spanish. Through conversing, Spanish Club members hope to gain both fluency and further understanding of Spanish and Latin American cultures. The club is student-run, with Professor Soledad Gelles from the Hispanic Studies Department serving as faculty advisor.

Aside from discussions, Spanish Club members dine together on the rear balcony in Commons after each meeting and will occasionally eat Spanish food together. This semester, the club sampled Spanish cooking along with a movie in the Munson Proctor, in Utica, entitled "Cronicas." A larger cookout open to the whole College is in the works for next semester. Such endeavors promote learning outside of the classroom and spread the mores and ideas of a fascinating foreign culture.

The Spanish Club is an organization that promotes social as well as educational causes. Ellen Horbett '06, a Spanish Club member, recounted how this past fall, Assistant Womens' Volleyball Coach Duncan Lawrence, a Hamilton graduate now living in Argentina, contacted the club to ask for their help. Lawrence wanted to hold a Book Drive to benefit "La Escuela Normal Superior General San Martin," a teacher's college in San Martin, Argentina. Lawrence provided information about San Martin and its need:

" San Martin is a relatively small Argentine community located just east of the Andes mountain range in one of Argentina's largest fruit, wine, and vegetable producing regions. In the year 2000, the teaching training college, La Escuela Normal Superior General San Martin began offering a four-year English teaching certification program. The students and professors at the college demonstrate the determination of Argentines, as they continually deal with the many problems associated with having limited educational resources," he explained.

Hamilton students pitched in to help the school in San Martin gather English literature and teaching materials that would normally be out of their financial reach. Many Hamilton students donated books at the collection boxes placed around campus between November 14th and December 4th. "We have gathered about 200 pounds worth of books (six boxes) which we will be sending to Argentina at the beginning of next week," says Gabriela Soto '06, who is president of the Spanish Club along with Emily Colbert '06. The Spanish Club would like to applaud the Hamilton community for its generosity during the book drive, and invite students who have an interest in learning more about everything and anything Spanish to attend a meeting.

Student Assembly Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2005

Courtesy of Evelyn Shapiro, S.A. Secretary

- The 2006 Adler Conference will be entitled "Diamond in the Buff and Blue: Optimizing Hamilton's Educational Experience," focusing on the topic of finding a common purpose
- The Dining hall survey given by the freshmen and sophomores brought suggestions that included changing the points system, having a winter formal, more arts events, and fixing the arcade games in the pub
- End of Semester Committee Reports included:
  - Funding: managed to greatly increase awareness for student organizations about finding funding
  - Foods: have asked Bon Appetit to switch the Weds. and Sun. diner hours, and hope to have diner delivery next semester
  - Facilities: are continuing to work on finding a new system for laundry
  - Student Interest: there will be Faculty/Student pub lunches once a month next semester
  - Social Traditions: still working on getting an upstate New York college fest

Thanks for a great semester!

Weekly Events: Where you want to be!

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
Fall Semester classes end	Reading Period	Reading Period	Reading Period	Final Exams	Final Exams	Final Exams
First Year & Faculty Reception (4:00-5:00)	Model United Nations Conference (8:00-6:00)	Newman Mass (1:00)	HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00)	CACC Meeting (3:00-4:00)	Psychology Dept. Poster Presentations: (12:00-2:00)	ACS Meeting (5:00-6:00)
M. Hockey v. Utica College HOME (7:00)	Anime Club Meeting (2:00-3:00)		F.I.L.M. Series: "The Same River Twice" (7:30)	Tae Kwon Do (8:00-9:30)	Faculty/Staff Bible Study (12:15-1:15)	HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00)
Student Concert (7:00-8:00)	Opus Peace Jam (3:00-5:00)		Association of Women in Science Meeting (9:00-10:00)		CAB Meeting (7:00-8:00)	
Late Nite: Taste the Rainbow	I.M. Badminton (4:00-6:00)		HEAG Meeeting (9:15-10:00)			
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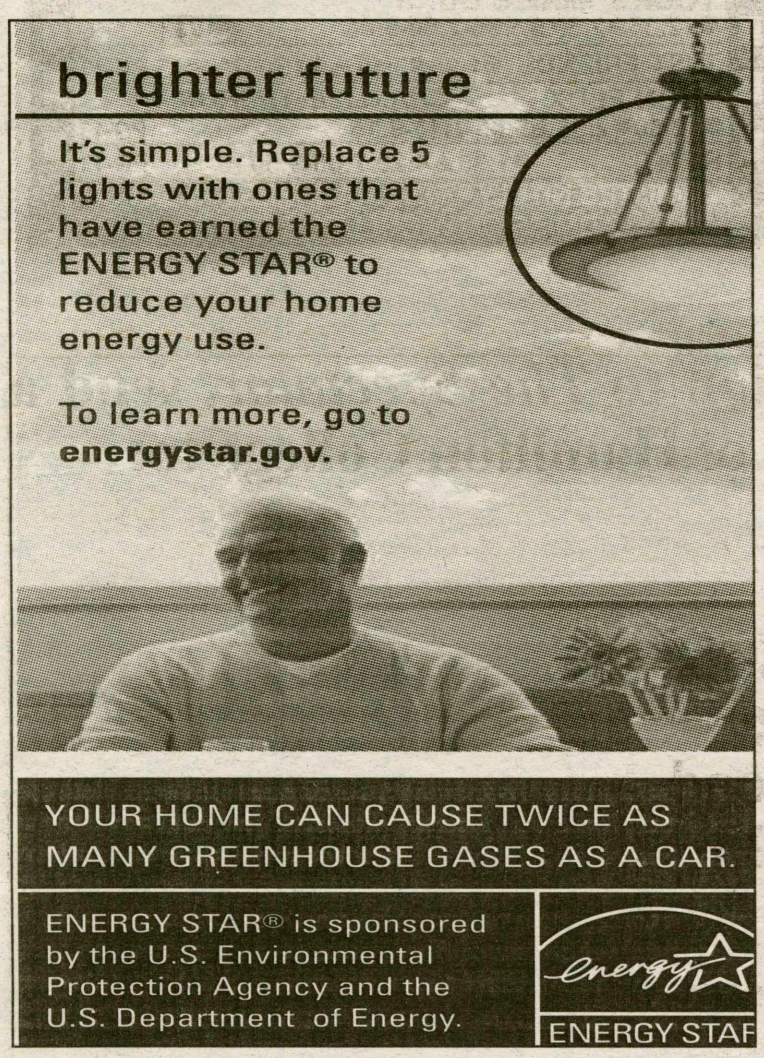
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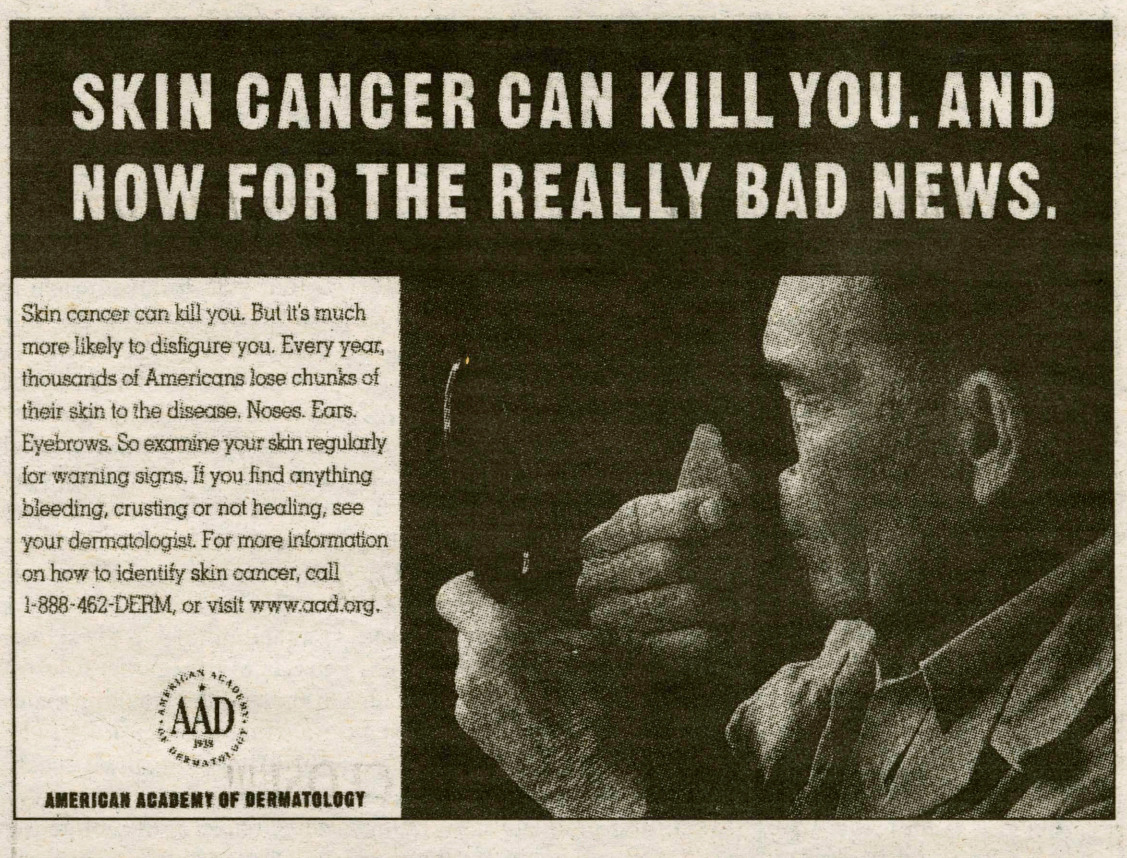
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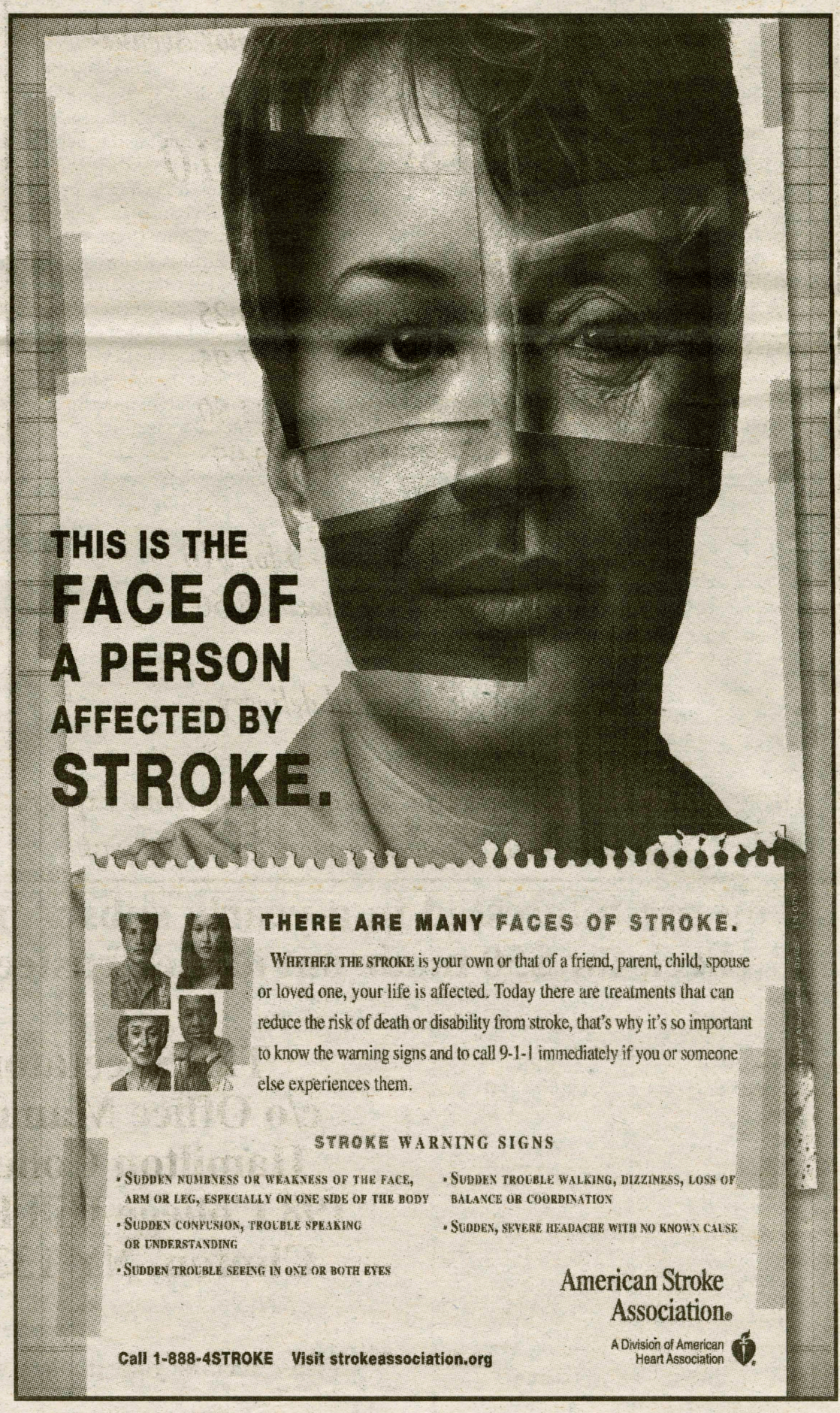
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Arts & Entertainment

The un-dead movie countdown continued...

By Noah Wright '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Last week we left off with only two items on the list remaining. Since both of the movies are series, they had to be written as a separate column.

2. "The Evil Dead" Trilogy

I. "The Evil Dead"

Sam Raimi's entry into professional directing, "The Evil Dead," is unique in that it defies the usual pattern of great-film-followed-by-janky-sequels by doing exactly the opposite. It's extremely gory shock cinema with not much in the way of... well, anything else.

Most memorable death: All the deaths were absurdly gory; none really stand out.

II. "The Evil Dead II"

This and "Army of Darkness" are the true redeemers of the series, being among the best, not to mention funniest, B-movies ever made. "Evil Dead 2" is basically a remake of the first, only sharper, clearer, higher-budget, and riotously funny.

Most memorable death: None of the deaths were that great, but the scene where Ash, the protagonist, chases his severed hand around the room with a shotgun a la Elmer Fudd had me almost in tears with laughter.

III. "Army of Darkness"

The final installment of the series takes out the gore and leaves in the humor while sending the hero back in time to lead a medieval army against hordes of raging undead. Also, one of the most quotable movies ever made.

Most memorable quotes: "Good, bad, I'm the guy with the gun." "This... is my BOOMSTICK!" "Name's Ash. Housewares." "Hail to the King, Baby."

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"The Evil Dead"

1. "Romero's Dead" Cycle

I. "Night of the Living Dead"

Shot in black and white with a tiny budget and no copyright, meaning you can legally download this off the internet, "Night of the Living Dead" invented the modern zombie movie. A dark, claustrophobic tale of strangers stuck in a house besieged by zombies, "Night of the Living Dead" remains unique in the amorality of its story. There are no good guys or bad guys, just desperate people trying to survive.

Most Memorable Death: The one at the very end of the movie. I won't spoil the ending by telling you the details, suffice to say it's quite a shock.

II. "Dawn of the Dead"

By far the greatest of Romero's zombie films, and quite possibly the best zombie movie ever made, "Dawn of the Dead" and its excellent remake feature a group of survivors stranded in a shopping mall. Social commentary and existential angst ensue. If you see no other film on this list, at least see this one.

Most Memorable Death: The zombie-baby in the remake.

III. "Day of the Dead"

The weakest of the three, "Day of the Dead" focuses on a team of scientists and soldiers who have lived in an underground bunker for the last year. Everyone is going stir-crazy and at each other's throats, with the soldiers so fed up with the situation that they're literally moments away from slaughtering the scientists and non-essential personnel, who are equally fed up with the brutality and increasingly aggressive behavior of the soldiers. This is not a pleasant film to watch, even by zombie movie standards.

Most Memorable Death: The soldiers at the end of the film are torn to pieces in one of the goriest individual moments I've ever seen in a movie.

IV. "Land of the Dead"

Hot off the presses is "Land of the Dead," the first zombie movie in twenty years by George Romero. Anticipations for this movie were mixed: Had Romero lost his touch after two decades? "Land of the Dead" answered a resolute "no" to that question, proving to be a good old-fashioned gory, action-packed zombie flick with a humor sorely lacking in its predecessor, "Day of the Dead."

Most Memorable Death: The unlucky associate who asks too many questions and is shot in the back of the head by Dennis Hopper's character.

Dishonorable Mention

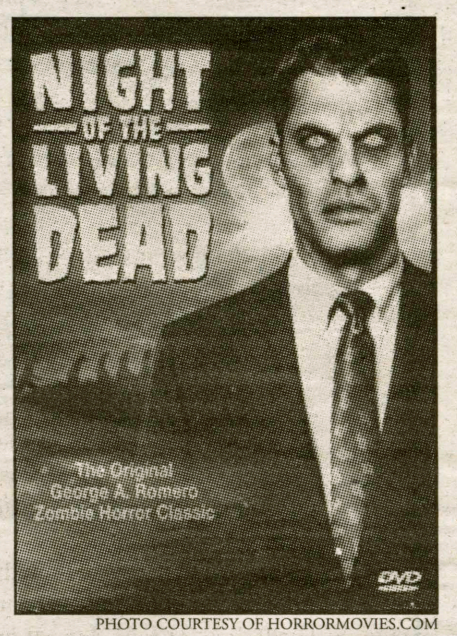
"Van Helsing"

One of my acid-tests as to whether a movie sucks or not is if it does something from "The Simpsons" seriously that was intended to be a joke. "Van Helsing" does just this, in a scene where a stagecoach explodes after falling off a cliff. There is no internal combustion engine in this stagecoach, indeed; the internal combustion engine has not yet been invented. The stagecoach just spontaneously blows up.

While "The Mummy" was a forgivable remake, Stephen Sommers decided that he'd like to make Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi, and Lon Chaney all roll in their graves in unison by simultaneously bastardizing three of the most famous classic horror films created. Starring Hugh Jackman, who really ought to have known better.

"Vampirella"

Give a group of ten year-old children a digital video camera and an iMovie tutorial and tell them to make something about vampires. What you'll get will probably be better than "Vampirella," an atrocious wreck of a film that makes "Van Helsing" look like "Citizen Kane." I cannot begin to express how awful this movie is. The special effects are horrendously crude, to say the dialogue was written by illiterate monkeys would be insulting to illiteracy, and the performances make one realize where actors who aren't talented enough to be in softcore pornography go. Lastly, and God only knows how this came about, Roger Daltrey of The Who plays the male lead. I kid thee not.



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"Night of the Living Dead"

Radiohead: Maybe the best band from the '90s

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Radiohead was formed in 1989 by guitarist/vocalist Thom Yorke, guitarist/vocalist Ed O'Brien, guitarist Jonny Greenwood, bassist Colin Greenwood, and drummer Phil Selway. The five musicians met as students at Oxford University in 1988.

The band's first hit single, "Creep," off of its debut album, "Pablo Honey," led many people to believe that Radiohead would be a one-hit wonder kind of group because of it's unprecedented enormous success.

According to Vh1.com, Radiohead, "internalized that epic sweep [characteristic of early U2 albums], turning it inside out to tell tortured, twisted tales of angst and alienation."

However, Radiohead's second album, "The Bends," surprised fans and critics alike when it became an unexpected success. The album was produced with the help of John Leckie, and its more mature sound was applauded. Its release in 1995, just two years after "Pablo Honey," increased Radiohead's fan base and demonstrated that Radiohead had huge potential. Unfortunately, the positive reviews did not make "The Bends" a huge success in terms of albums sold. It didn't help that American radio programs and MTV paid little attention to the album.

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Radiohead, one of the most successful bands of the '90s.

However, later in the year, surprisingly, "The Bends" became more popular. The videos for "Just" and "Fake Plastic Trees" were suddenly very popular, and the album hopped onto several best lists in both the United States and the United Kingdom.

Radiohead received the most acclaim with the release of its third album, "OK Computer," which came out in 1997. The progressive post-punk rock album was acclaimed for its deep and unusual lyrics and electronic sound. It is very hard to define the style of music that Radiohead produced during this time, and this ambiguity caused fans and critics to adore the band.

Although even "OK Computer" had not been exceptional in terms of sales—never reaching higher than gold status in its first year—Radiohead had jumped into the spotlight and felt enormous pressure for its fourth album. The band exhibited perfectionist tendencies and took until 2000 to release its fourth album, "Kid A." People were astonished and delighted when the album landed immediately at number one on the charts upon its arrival.

Radiohead did not go on tour with "Kid A," and despite its album topping ability, several critics disapproved of the album's un-radio friendly style. However, among fans the album was clearly a favorite.

Shortly after "Kid A" was released, Radiohead came out with an album titled, "Amnesiac," which consisted of songs written during the "Kid A" recording sessions. They declared that it was not an outtakes album, but an album in its own right. Similar to "Kid A," "Amnesiac" debuted at the number one spot on the charts in the United Kingdom. and number two in the United States.

In its first week, "Amnesiac" outsold its predecessor, "Kid A," by 25,000 copies. "Pyramid Song" and "Knives Out" became the big singles from "Amnesiac" when Radiohead went on a world tour in 2001.

Radiohead is often known as the best band to come out of the '90s, and "OK Computer" the best album of the '90s. Radiohead has consistently produced original albums, retaining its unique style and pleasing a huge fan base. One can only hope that the band continues this upward trend into the future.

The Police: once the most popular band in the world

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

While technically classified as a punk band, the three member band The Police has a sound all of its own. Blending the sounds of new-wave, reggae, pop, jazz and later, world music, The Police was unlike any punk band ever seen before. In fact, by 1983 The Police were the most popular rock band in the world.

Stewart Copeland was a Californian who moved to England after college to form a progressive rock band called Curved Air. He met Gordon Sumner (known to the world as Sting) at a jazz club, and along with Henri Padovani, formed a progressive pop band. The band released its first single, "Fall Out," on an independent record label started by Copeland and his brother Miles, who was managing The Police. The single did quite well for an independent release, selling 70,000 copies.

Padovani left the band, and Andy Summers joined The Police. In the spring of 1978 The Police signed to a bigger record label and released "Roxanne," off of the album, "Outlandos d'Amour." The band traveled around the United States in a rented van that summer to try to gain support for the single which had not landed on the charts. The tour pushed the album to climb the British and American charts, and soon after the band began a tour in the United Kingdom. The re-released "Roxanne," this time landed at number 12 on the charts, pushing the album to the 6th spot.

The Police released "Regatta de Blanc" in 1979, and its single "Message in a Bottle" established The Police's talent in the United States and England. In the fall of 1980 the band came out with another album, "Zenyatta Mondatta." The album stayed at number 1 for a month, and its singles "Don't Stand So Close to Me" and "De Do Do Do De Da Da Da" were an enormous success.

At this point, The Police were popular enough to sell out Madison Square Garden. They began recording their fourth album in 1981, and the recording sessions were filmed for a BBC documentary. The album, "The Ghost in the Machine" became their most popular, with the release of "Every Little Thing She Does is Magic," which reached number 1 in the U.K. and number 2 in the U.S.

In 1982 the band took a break for the members to pursue individual projects, just after they won three Grammy Awards and received the award for the Best Brit Group at the first Brit awards. They came back together in 1983 to release "Synchronicity;" an album that would spend 17 weeks at number one on the U.S. charts. "Every Breath You Take" was the single that really pushed "Synchronicity" to the top. The Police were a worldwide sensation, and had not failed with a single album.

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The Police are often known as the most popular band of the '80s.

"King of Pain" and "Wrapped Around Your Finger" would later become hits off of "Synchronicity" as well. Following the release of the album, The Police went on a gigantic world tour that would raise the standards for tours for the rest of the '80s. The Police again decided to take a sabbatical from the band, but this time the members never got back together. The band members had begun experiencing creative differences, and Sting went off to become a huge solo success.

In 1986 The Police tried to reunite, but it never quite happened. The band played an Amnesty International concert and went back to the studio to re-record some songs. They released a compilation album in the winter of 1986, "Every Breath You Take," which featured a slightly different version of "Don't Stand So Close to Me." The singles album was the band's fifth British Top 10 in a row. The band reunited one more time to play at Sting's wedding in 1992, and that was the end of The Police. It is undeniable that The Police are one of the greatest bands of the 1980s, if not one of the best rock and roll bands of all time.

No Doubt rocks steady since '87

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Editor

No Doubt was formed early in 1987, initially as a California ska band. The original band was comprised of vocalist John Spence, Eric Stefani and his sister Gwen Stefani. The three performed together for a while before bassist Tony Kanal joined the trio. Spence committed suicide later that year, but the members stayed together—hardened by the experience.

Gwen Stefani became the front vocalist with the death of Spence, and guitarist Tom Dumont and drummer Adrian Young joined the lineup. The band performed at local arenas in the Orange County area and were signed onto Interscope Records in 1991. The band released its self-titled debut album in 1992. Unfortunately, the band's unusual ska sound was unpopular during the grunge movement of the '90s, and they were not well received.

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Four person California band No Doubt.

Interscope Records dropped the band, but No Doubt continued to support itself as a band. From 1993 to 1994, the band recorded without a label and released the "Beacon Street Collection" on its own. The album had a punk-like sound, which was popular as punk was returning onto the music scene. Eric Stefani left the band to do his own creative work, eventually working as an animator for "The Simpsons," and No Doubt was back to four members.

The "Beacon Street Collection" brought No Doubt some popularity, and later in 1994 Interscope Records decided to support the band again. Finally backed by a record label, No Doubt released "Tragic Kingdom" in 1995. Many of the songs referred to the end of a seven year relationship between Stefani and Kanal, and the somewhat tormented sound of the songs was popular.

The singles "Just a Girl" and "Spiderwebs" received a lot of MTV air time and made "Tragic Kingdom" popular. The band toured to promote the album, and in 1996 it appeared on the Top Ten. According to Vh1.com, "Stefani, who has made no secret of her pop ambitions, became a centerpiece of attention as an alternative to the crop of tough girls prevalent on the charts." About a year after the album's release, "Tragic Kingdom" hit the number one spot on the charts.

"Don't Speak," the third single off of "Tragic Kingdom" was the biggest hit so far for No Doubt. The song remained at the number one spot on the charts for 21 weeks. Fans anticipated great things from the band's next album, although "The Return of Saturn," which was released in 2000, was not a success. However, with hits like, "Simple Kind of Life" and "Ex-Girlfriend," the album had a poppy, mainstream appeal. In 2001 the band released "Rock Steady," from which two of the singles won Grammys: "Hey Baby" and "Underneath it All." Again in that same year, Stefani collaborated with rap star Eve, and the song, "Let Me Blow Your Mind" won a Grammy for Best Rap/Sung Collaboration in 2002. In 2003 the band produced a singles compilation album, which included a remix of the Talk Talk song, "It's My Life."

No Doubt has continuously produced albums and has maintained a strong fan base throughout its career. The band claims to have another album out in January of 2006. No Doubt's sound, which is a mix of new wave, ska and punk, is at once popular and original.

Something new: "A Taste of Christmas"

By Nicole Dietsche '09
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It's that time of year again: Christmas. All the hustle and bustle, the snow, the Salvation Army guy in the mall and, of course, the Christmas carols.

Ah, the Christmas carols. Does it bother anyone else that all the radio stations and stores start playing Christmas carols 24/7 the second Thanksgiving is over? Don't get me wrong, I like Christmas music, but listening to 908 versions of "Frosty the Snowman" or "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" 1,979,758 times before December kind of takes any semblance of "seasonal" or "festive" right out of the music. It makes me almost appreciate deer hunters.

So if anyone out there is looking for a little spice to their Christmas music, a great compilation to get is "A Taste of Christmas."

This compilation is basically the holiday version of "A Taste of Chaos," a punk compilation CDand has artist line up of many well known punk bands singing either their own Christmas songs or covers of older Christmas songs.

The CD starts off with a cover of the Beatles's "Happy Christmas (War is Over)" done by Street Drum Corps and featuring Bert McCracken of The Used, and continues with Roses Are Red's cover of "Last Christmas" ("Last Christmas, I gave you my heart / But the very next day, You gave it away / This year, to save me from tears / I'll give it to someone special"), Amped's cover of "We Three Kings," and My American Heart's cover of "First Noel." These covers add something new to the worn out and over-played versions of the songs.

Original songs are done by Funeral for a Friend ("Miracle of Christmas"), Skindred ("Jungle Bells"), The Smashup ("Coventry Carol"), Opiate for the Masses ("Christmas Evel"), Emery ("The Last Christmas"), Like Yesterday ("We Might Be Alone Tonight"), Bleed the Dream ("No Smiles on Christmas"), Versus the World ("Blue and Gold"), Gatsby's American Dream ("Saint Nicholas"), From First to Last ("Christmassacre"), Black Halos ("Homeless for Christmas"), Plain White T's ("Season of a Lifetime"), and my personal favorite, "Alone This Holiday" by The Used.

So if you're looking for something new, exciting and a lot less jaded than your traditional Christmas music, "A Taste of Christmas" is for you. It's sure to make your Christmas a unique one.

Science & Technology

Local organic farming: Green Rabbitt Farm

by Anne Schlesinger '06
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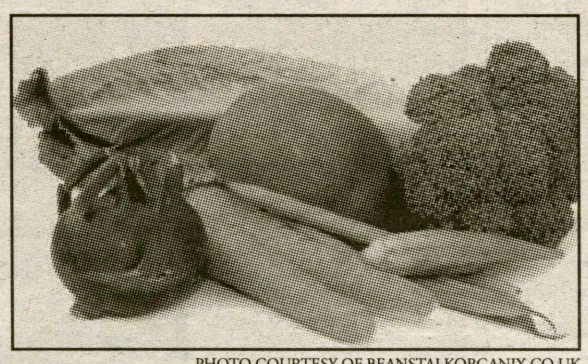
Farms blanket the rolling hills of Central New York State, and some of these farms, such as Susan Slomin's organic Green Rabbit Farm in Madison, New York, farm without the use of herbicides, pesticides, or synthetic fertilizers. At Green Rabbit Farm, you can find multitudes of vegetables and berries: mesclun, arugula, spinach, strawberries, radishes, chard, kale, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, broccoli, chili peppers, culinary herbs and more.

Good farming requires an understanding of the landscape and the soil. It requires knowledge of erosion processes, of how and when in the growing process plants take up nutrients from the soil, how much of what kind of nutrient is needed for one crop, which crops will deplete the soil and which will help give back organic matter and nutrients to the soil-the list goes on and on. "A responsibly run farm tries to add back to the land all that is taken from it. It provides habitat for beneficial creatures which often help keep pest populations in check," Slomin said.

While conventional farmers rely on synthetic fertilizers to provide nutrients, organic farmers rely on crop rotation and organic fertilizers, such as manure and compost, in order to maintain nutrient and organic matter levels in the soil. These two factors are closely linked. Organic matter in the soil takes up nutrients, such as nitrogen, phosphate, and potassium, from the soil water and helps make those nutrients available to plants.

Slomin rotates cash crops in order to "minimize disease, pest and weed pressure." She also plants a cover crop as soon as cash crops have been harvested; in this manner, Slomin both returns organic matter to the soil in the form of a cover crop that will eventually decay, and she keeps her soil from eroding. When asked whether or not she has seen an improvement in her land since she has been farming it, Slomin responded that there has always been a high amount of organic matter in her soil, because her land was for many years used for manure depositories. With the use of lightweight equipment (her "largest tractor weighs less than half an SUV"), she has significantly decreased soil compaction, which allows for better drainage, among other things. If the soil is too compacted, plant roots can't extract the nutrients or obtain the oxygen necessary for growth.



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Organic farmers rely on crop rotations and organic fertilizers such as manure and compost to maintain nutrient levels.

According to Slomin, owning an organic farm is not just about improving the health of the land. Small farms like hers "tend to recirculate much of their revenue right back into the local economy rather than shipping it off to multinational out of state companies." Slomin added that small farmers "tend to count on one another which fosters a real community; an agrarian ethic. Our farm specifically benefits this area by offering the freshest, most nutritious sustenance to people in the area. We are helping to build a local food shed." Moreover, she stated, multinational farms represent one of the biggest users of fossil fuels and petrochemicals.

When asked whether or not she thought organic farming would overtake conventional farming, Slomin answered "not unless there is a real apocalypse so to speak. A major shift in philosophy of government, economics and education from the macro to the micro would need to occur; a move away from globalization and subsidization of overproduced commodities."

Scientists decode dog genome

by Laura Trubiano '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Scientists announced at a Boston dog show that they have mapped 99% of the dog genome. The findings were published in *Nature* on Thursday. The discovery, led by the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, provides new insights into the deep physical links between humans and their best friends. Researchers are hopeful that the dog genome will be helpful in identifying genes that make both dogs and humans vulnerable to cancer, heart disease, diabetes, epilepsy, blindness, deafness and even some psychiatric disorders.

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The genome work, done from the DNA of a boxer named Tasha, has produced a virtually complete and very accurate genome; this includes, for the first time, a detailed library of common genetic variations seen in dogs, which will hopefully make the genetic studies of diseases and other traits faster and more accurate.

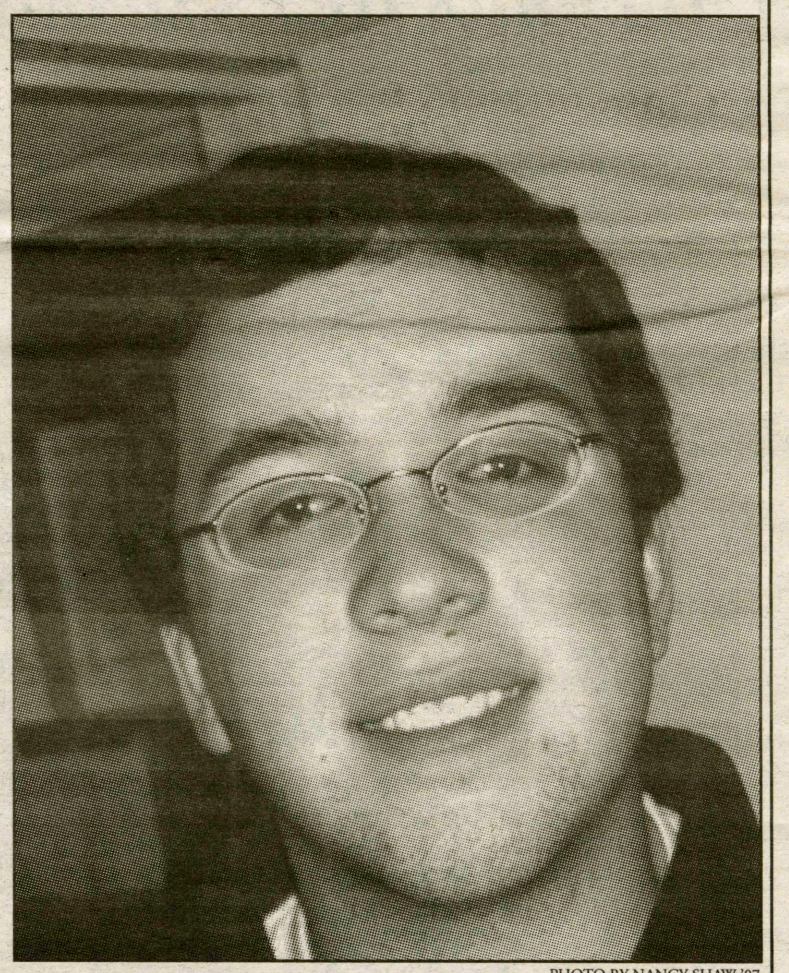
Biologists have deciphered the genomes of many species, but the dog is especially important to studying genetics and evolution because of its history. The several hundreds of modern dog breeds, from Great Danes to Chihuahuas, are the result of thousands years of careful breeding. The genetic analysis provided evidence that dogs became domesticated from wolves approximately 30,000 years ago and since then have been bred for specific traits, such as herding or hunting. It is now easy for scientists to find the small genetic variations that are responsible for these differences. By highlighting these genes, it will hopefully be possible to find the causes of genetic diseases that plague certain breeds as a result of little genetic variation and perhaps to lead to cures for both dogs and humans alike.

In purebred dogs, in-breeding is fairly common and leads to perpetual genetic disease in some breeds. Many ailments that are thought to be similar in dogs and humans, such as some cancers, epilepsy and heart disease, are therefore easier to study in dogs because two dogs of the same breed are much more genetically similar than two humans. That is, there would be fewer genetic differences to account for in the results between two dogs.

Scientists who have been involved in this project for years hope to see the dog become a favorite research organism. However, pet owners and animal lovers have a hard time accepting dogs as a part of scientific research with the likes of mice and rats. "We are so close to our pet dogs, that we stop thinking of them as this incredible, unique species," said Mark Neff, a scientist at the Center for Veterinary Genetics at the University of California, Davis, in a December 8th *Boston Globe* article.

Meet the Geek of the Week!

by Nancy Shaw '07
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER



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Dan Tomb. When he's not in the physics department Dan enjoys doing calculus and using physics analogies to explain things to non physics-majors, who he only manages to confuse further. Dan is also an expert at doing laundry.

Name: Dan Tomb

Class Year: 2008

Concentration: Undecided. Plans on physics, maybe math, too.

Why physics? Oh, let me count the glorious, glorious reasons why…Physics is awesome! (duh!) You get to learn about so many cool things, like how you can fit a 20m long pole into a 10m long barn (provided of course that you're going almost the speed of light), and how you can walk clean through walls if you just try *really, **really*** hard for billions of years. The people, both the professors and the students, are so great. No other major has a Christmas party where you get to make liquid nitrogen ice cream! (or at least, not to my knowledge. If there is one, please let me know so I can switch majors!)

Favorite equation? $F \neq ma$ It turns out that *this* equation, and not its evil twin brother, is actually true, and everything else you've ever been taught was all a lie. Yes, that's right, you heard it here first: your life is nothing but a lie.

Have you ever tunneled? I thought I did once, but it turned out to only be a dream. I was crushed. Now I wake up every morning at 6 a.m. for "tunneling practice" as I like to call it and try to quantum tunnel through the door to my room for several hours before heading off to my classes.

If I told you I was trying to measure the force between two bodies, but I only have one body, what would you say? Hmm…wait a sec, let me get out my TI-83+ and run a few numbers. Oh, would you mind sharpening my other pencils for me while I draw some free-body diagrams? Thanks.

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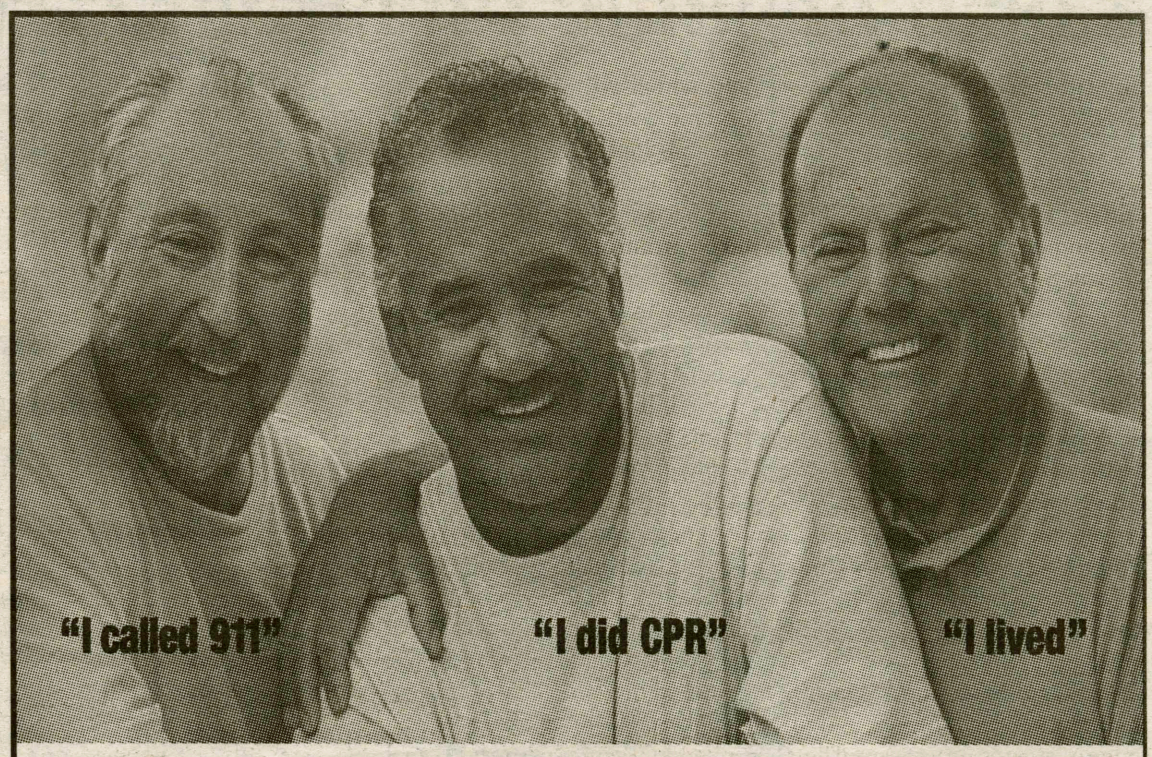

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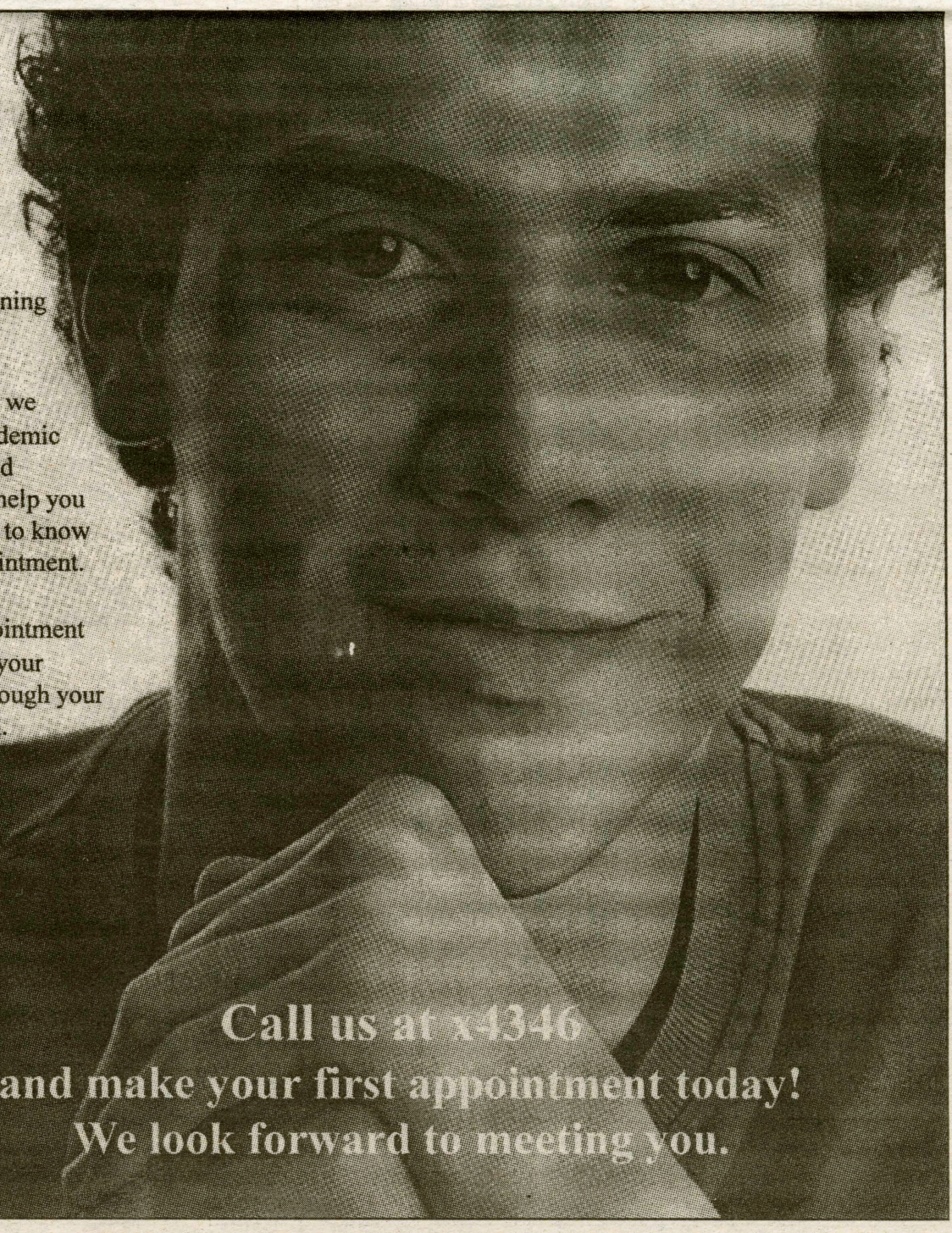

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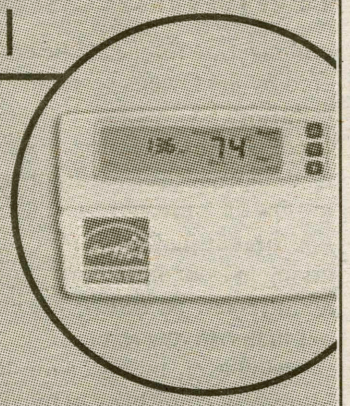

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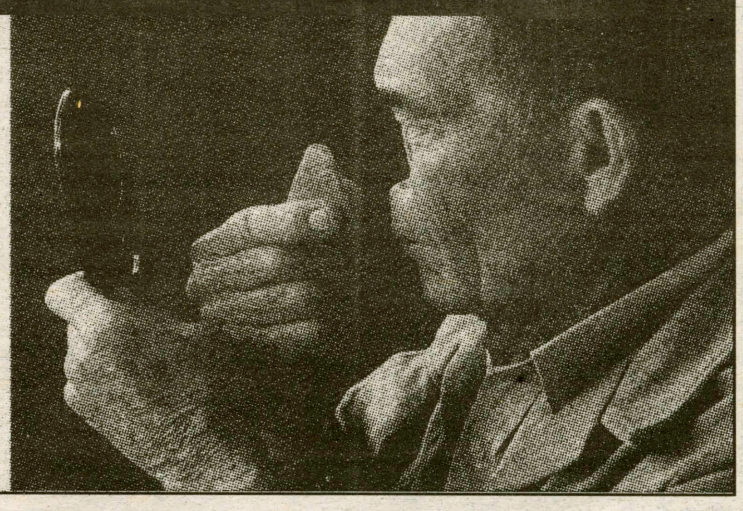

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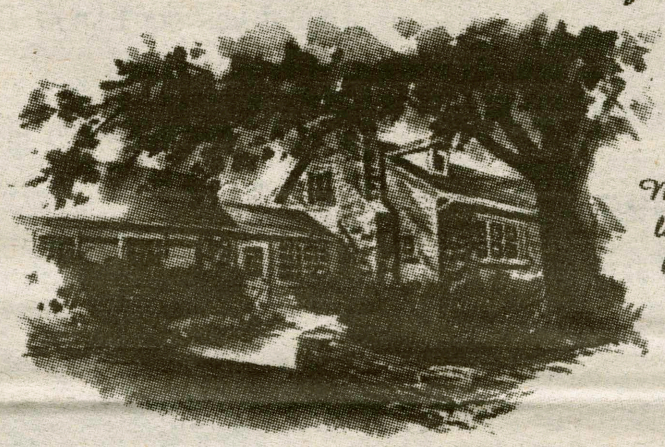

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Owens's attitude finally catches up with him

T.O. suspended by the Eagles for critcizing teammates and organzation

by Austin Finan '08
SPORTS WRITER

It has been over a week since the media bombarded the American public with the latest in the ongoing Terrell Owens saga. So, in attempt to satiate the spotlight desire for the king of cry babies in professional sports, I will dedicate this page in the *Spec* to Philadelphia's favorite bad boy, Terrell Owens.

Terrell Owens stands at a gaudy 6 foot 3 inches tall and boasts one of the NFL's most dominant physical frames for a wide receiver. His 226 pounds of muscle, combined with his lightening speed, make him one of the most elusive players on the field each and every Sunday. But off the field, in the club house, or after the play, "elusive" is one of the few things Mr. Owens is not.

It is difficult to say when T.O. went sour. Perhaps it is even more trying to attempt to pin-point his most infamous behavior. Nonetheless, instead of being recognized as a premier offensive threat in the NFL and favorite amongst his peers and fans, Owens has self-constructed a reputation for himself that has him best suited to play an obnoxious character on a dramatic soap opera.

Things have certainly gone from bad to worse since Owens practically forced his way into an Eagles uniform back in 2004, but the 31 year-old's behavior has been immature since his days as a San Francisco 49er. It was during his sunny days in California that this phenomenal talent found himself soaking up more criticism than rays with post-touchdown celebrations that included a Sharpie marker, a pair of pom-poms, and a disrespectful dance on top of the Dallas Cowboys star logo. Despite the fines and suspensions issued to him by the league and the 49ers's organization, Owens showed no signs of stopping. And why should he have? He had the money to cover up his actions and the numbers to match his bark with his bite.

So, why the need for more attention, why the need for more money? Nobody can really be sure. In fact, it is fair to speculate if "Terrible Owens" can even justify his own passive aggressive behavior. One thing that is for certain, is that a grown man shouldn't burden his coaches, quarterback, or agent with solving the enigma that has become T. O. But ever since arriving in Philadelphia after a glitzy and self-promoting offseason looking through the NFL's free agency market (the ultimate ego boost for any pro athlete), Owens has been an annoyance to anybody and everybody associated with him.

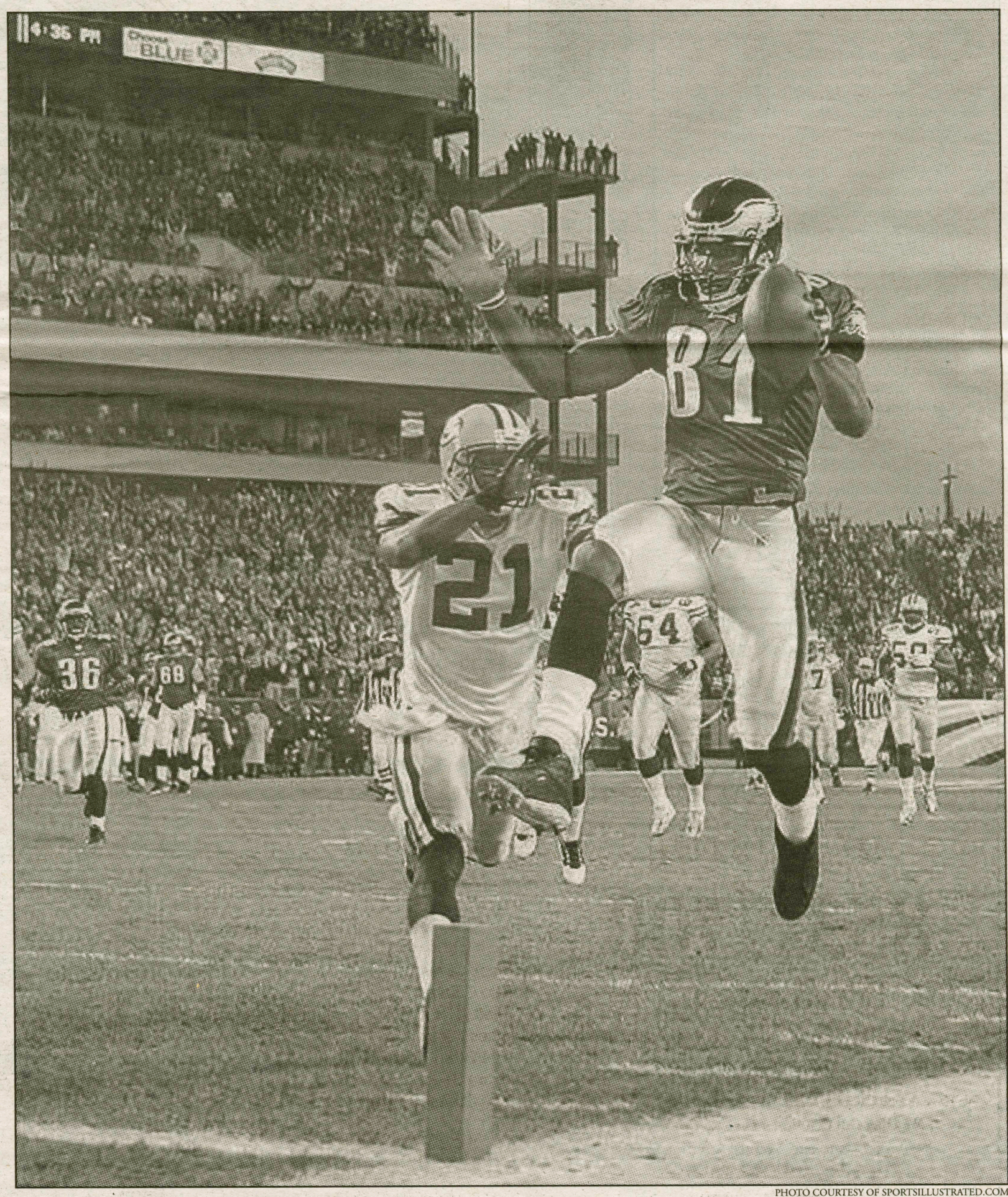
After a season that consisted of typical T.O. celebration antics that have become his trademark, the juvenile Owens sought retribution for any and all wrong doings he had suffered as a wide receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles. Naturally, his first order of business was to fire his agent. And why not? He just got him a contract that had him being paid in the top 10% of all NFL players. Now with Drew Rosenhaus at the helm, (who is arguably as childish and obnoxious as Owens himself), the second order of business was to renegotiate a new contract for the 2005 season.

And why not? He only just signed the most lucrative contract out of any wide receiver in the NFL during the 2004 offseason. T.O.'s preposterous behavior finally sparked a feud that would not allow for Owens to buy his way out nor pose a threat of a hold out. The Eagles organization refused to be bothered by the Owens scandal, and rightfully so.

The Philadelphia Eagles made the right decision in not fueling Owens's fire with more attention to his displays of self-pity (i.e. crying in front of millions during an interview on ESPN, working out in his driveway, etc.).

However, this decision has ultimately come back to bite the Eagles. In recent weeks, Owens was suspended by the team for openly criticizing certain members of the team and the Eagles's organization. Although it appears that the Eagles will not make it to the playoffs this year, they have held strong in their convictions despite verbal lashings from Mr. Rosenhaus, ultimately proving that no player is above the team.

America has grown tired of Mr. Owens's antics. He has nobody's sympathy. In the end, the Terrell Owens saga should serve as a wake-up call to all professional athletes. It should act as a reminder as to why they play the game. I believe that there are still purists out there. There are still players who sweat for the betterment of the team and not just for a new contract. As for the other T.O.s, I say, sit down and shut up.



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Known for his big mouth and end-zone celebrations, Terrell Owens used to be the Eagles go-to receiver and playmaker. He has been suspended by the team for bad-mouthing fellow players and members of the Eagles's front office.

Bennek and Downey excel at Cornell for women's track

by Eileen Starrett '07
SPORTS WRITER

The women's indoor track and field team started off the season by sending ten runners to the Cornell University Relays on December 3. The large roster of 31 girls allows for much leeway in sending talented athletes to each meet.

Both Sarah Downey '07 and Rachel Bennek '08 finished in the top 8 in the 500-meter run. Bennek finished in 1:23:71 which qualified her for ECACs and Downey's finish of 1:25:05 bodes well for her own chances of going to ECACs from an early meet this season. Bennek was the top Division III finisher, while Downey came in second.

"The meet at Cornell is always a tough one because it's in the very beginning of the season and it's against a lot of teams, many of which are Division 1," said Downey. "all of us who went performed right where we should be at this time in the season or above that."

Bennek said that the team's success at the Cornell Relays is most likely a hint of future success this season. "Everyone has been working really hard by lifting and running in the off-season, and we are all coming into the season in really good shape," she said. "I think we're at a very good starting place."

Downey added, "I think the season looks promising. We have a lot of people who are really hard workers, really self-motivated, and that's extremely important."

While the team's roster includes only two seniors, there are a number of juniors with a lot of experience. Watch for the relay teams to be competitive this season, especially in the Continentals's first home meet against Hartwick and Union on January 15.

The team's toughest meet of the season will most likely be the Liberty League Championships. Said Downey, "It's pretty much a given that we'll beat Union, but this year we have a good chance at beating RPI, who only topped us by two points last season."

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Women's basketball beats Hartwick

by Eileen Starrett '07
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team defeated Hartwick on Tuesday night, bringing their record to 3-3 thus far. Starting off with a 7-0 lead, the women's team never stopped going. Jess Barrows '08 led the team with 20 points in an 82-68 win against the Hawks. Pumla Sathula '08 added 17 points of her own and a season high 6 steals. Sydney Fasulo '09 had her first double-double of the season with 14 points and 14 rebounds. Sarah Schrader '09 also had 6 assists. Co-Captain Erin Daugherty '06 had 8 points and 5 assists. The game was truly a team effort. The outstanding play of many individuals really helped the team come out victorious.

"A lot of people stepped up and contributed to an overall great team win," said Daugherty.

Co-captain Jessie Pisegna '06 added, "It was a team win. We are finally starting to approach our potential."

Pisegna added that while the team is young, they are quick learners, and this will be a great advantage as the season progresses. "What I like most about this team is that we don't make the same mistakes," she said. "Every game we are improving. In our last game, we were hitting out shots and were an offensive threat. Sydney [Fasulo] was so strong in the post. She played great, as her stats will show."

"Over break, we have to work hard to stay in shape," said Daugherty. "I think we realized what we are capable of in the last two games and now it's our job to keep ourselves at that level and improve from there."

The Continentals will play their final game in 2005 on the road against Williams. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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Two tough losses for men's hockey

by Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

After two straight wins against Wesleyan and St. Michael's College, the men's varsity hockey team dropped its following two match-ups against Norwich and Utica. Hamilton dominated St. Mike's with an 8-4 win in its December 2nd match-up. The Continentals have staggered lately, however, losing their December 3rd game against nationally ranked Norwich and then posting a 4-2 loss against Utica College on December 6th.

Thanks to the outstanding play of Eric "Kamikaze" Kallio '06 against St. Michaels, Hamilton propelled itself to an 8-4 victory in the first of two weekend visits. Kallio scored an amazing four goals against the Purple Knights. The game's first goal was knocked in by Kallio 12 minutes and 31 seconds into the first period.

Just 19 seconds later, Kallio fired another one past the St. Mike's goalie to give Hamilton the 2-0 advantage. Chris "Clark-Bar" Clarkson '07 and "The Gus" Katsuras '06 were credited with assists on both of Kallio's scores.

Helping to continue the Hamilton offensive, Jake "The Snake" Davis '09 picked up a power-play goal less then two minutes later. After skating with a comfortable 3-0 advantage, Hamilton let St. Michael's squeeze in its first goal, narrowing the Continental lead. Hamilton didn't allow the Purple Knights to pick up any more scores during the first, however, and skated into the first intermission with a 3-1 advantage.

St. Michael's came out shooting in the second period, scoring two early goals, the first of which was on a power-play. This short-lived 3-3 tie was the only opportunity St. Michael's was given. Obviously upset, Hamilton then sniped three goals within one minute's time to boldly take back its lead. John "Gimme the Puck" Gordon '07 started the attack with his goal at the 8 minute 54 second mark, while Kallio and Casey "Freak-a-Leak" Deak '07 also hammered shots past St. Mikes.

St. Michael's was unable to recover from the 6-3 deficit Hamilton threw upon them. Hamilton put the nail in the coffin with two goals early in the third period, scored by Kyle "Rookie" Roulston '09 and Kallio, respectively. St. Mike's picked up a meaningless goal late in the game but eventually dropped the game 8-4 to a superior Hamilton squad.

The two games following Friday's match-up were not as pretty. Hamilton skated against a tough Norwich squad the following day. Norwich, a nationally ranked program, gave Hamilton a run for its money. The Norwich Cadets scored the first three goals of the game, leaving Hamilton an eventually fatal 3-0 deficit. With just 23 seconds remaining in the opening period, Joe "Ball-Breaker" Buteau '08 scored his first of the season and narrowed the Hamilton disadvantage to just 3-1; Clarkson and Gordon earned points for the assist.

Despite many attempts, Buteau's first-period goal was Hamilton's only score. Norwich picked one goal in each of the second and third periods, both of which were unmatched by the Continentals. The Cadets eventually skated to a 5-1 victory over the Conts.

Hamilton had a similarly difficult time in its game against regional rival Utica College on December 6. Utica's steady scoring proved effective against the Conts. Playing their third straight game on the road, the Continentals, obviously exhausted, were taken advantage of by Utica. The Pioneers picked up one goal in the first period and followed up with another in the second.

With a 2-0 deficit entering the third, Hamilton needed some serious damage control. Davis scored Hamilton's first goal at the 2 minute 47 second mark on the assist from Michael "The Adirondack Sniper" Hayes '06 and "Rowdy" Ricky Reichenbach '06. Utica quickly countered Davis's score, however, bringing the Pioneer advantage to 3-1 over the Continentals.

Josh "Barn Burner" Benson '06 knocked in Hamilton's second goal a power-play, but it was not enough to take down Utica. The Pioneers picked up one final goal at the 13 minute 31 second mark in the final period. When the fat lady sang, Hamilton skated to its bench with a 4-2 loss.

Women's hockey splits home games with Wesleyan

by John Cloonan '07
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College women's hockey season is well under way, and like the Clinton weather, there are no signs of letting up. With an array of returning starters, complemented by a talented freshmen class, the Lady Continentals have high hopes for the current season.

Last weekend, in the confines of Sage Rink, the Continentals confronted a weaker Wesleyan team with varied success. Despite splitting the doubleheader with the Cardinals, the buff and blue crowd observed many positives. It is evident that these ladies are on a path destined for success.

Friday evening's game showed the dominance of the Lady Conts when they out-shot Wesleyan 46 to 12 in a 7-3 win. To the fans, it was like watching a permanent Hamilton power play. Leading the team was Tierney Bolsvert '07, who posted her first hat trick. Also solidifying the win was veteran and leading goal-scorer Zoe Baldwin '06, who had two goals and two assists.

Kathryn Manning '09 only had to make 9 saves for her second win behind Ham-tech's strong defense, led by Kristina Carroll '07 and Emma Dunn '07. Other point scorers included Jane Bradley '06 and Kathryn Kroleski '09, each with their second goals of the season. Assists bestowed because of precision passing were awarded to Canadian Carly Barker '09 and jaw-jarring Jodi Raymond '08. From freshman to senior, starter to sub, it didn't matter because everyone contributed, the Continentals would not be out-worked.

Even when Wesleyan had a 1-0 lead halfway through the first period, it didn't take long for the Lady Conts to get in their zone, literally and physically.

Though the ladies left the ice joyously on Friday, Saturday brought to the Sage a disappointing outcome. Despite valiant efforts, and again out shooting the Cardinals by a count of 46 to 9, it took only one turnover to manifest the continental demise. This brings the Lady Continentals to a 1-3 conference record (2-4 overall). Hamilton still leads the all-time series with Wesleyan 8-7.

This week's opponent is right down the road in tUtica. The game is at the Utica Auditorium at 7 p.m. tonight.

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Men's basketball stands undefeated at 6-0

After big tournament win, Continentals to take on Middlebury

by Jack Maloney '08
SPORTS WRITER

Through three more games, the Hamilton College men's basketball team remains undefeated and is now 6-0 on the season. The opponents are beginning to get more difficult as the season progresses. The Continentals, however, seem ready for all challengers, as their closet game of the season thus far has been a 13 point victory.

This past weekend, Hamilton traveled to Middletown, Conn. to participate in the Inn and Middletown Invitational Tournament. Hamilton knew their first game of the two day tournament would not be easy. Their opponent, Endicott College, came into the game at 2-2 and had showed early in the season that they had the ability to steal games.

The Continentals made it clear from the starting tip-off that they had no intention of ever letting the game get close. Tri-Captain Tim Welchons '06 was up to his usual tricks leading all players with 17 points.

Very strong performances were also turned in by Nick Jones '07 and Tsakane Ngobeni '07. Jones scored 15 while Ngobeni was good for 14 and grabbed 7 rebounds. With a 75-60 win in the first round, Hamilton was ready to play on Saturday for their second tournament championship this season.

The championship proved to be no more difficult than the first round. The team disposed of Wesleyan University rather decisively by a final score of 77-58. As is often the case, Welchons led all players with both 20 points and 7 assists. Big man Giorgi Chavleishvili '08 had a very strong game, finishing with 14 points. Perhaps most importantly is how Ngobeni continues to step up his game when the team needs him the most. On this occasion he dropped 14 points and was tied for a game high with 8 rebounds. Ngobeni took over the game so drastically at some points that there was no way he could be taken out. The Continentals would need to take this momentum back with them as they prepared to face their toughest adversary yet.

Tuesday was an emotional night as SUNY Institute of Technology came to Hamilton College. It marked legend Thomas Murphy's first visit back to Hamilton on the opposing bench. Despite all this, the Continentals needed to focus on what would be a very difficult game.

From the beginning, Hamilton showed that they came to play. Welchons showed once again his ability to completely take over a game. He ended this contest with 22 points and was tied for a game-high 5 assists. Ngobeni kept up his solid play with 13 points to go with 8 rebounds.

The top performance of the night, however, was that of Jones. Jones had his first double-double of the season scoring 18 points and snatching 11 rebounds. He was also a perfect 4-4 from the line. Tri-Captain Phil Valenti '06, Ramunas Rozgys '09 and Zarrette Rogers '07 also turned in solid games with 7, 7 and 9 points, respectively.

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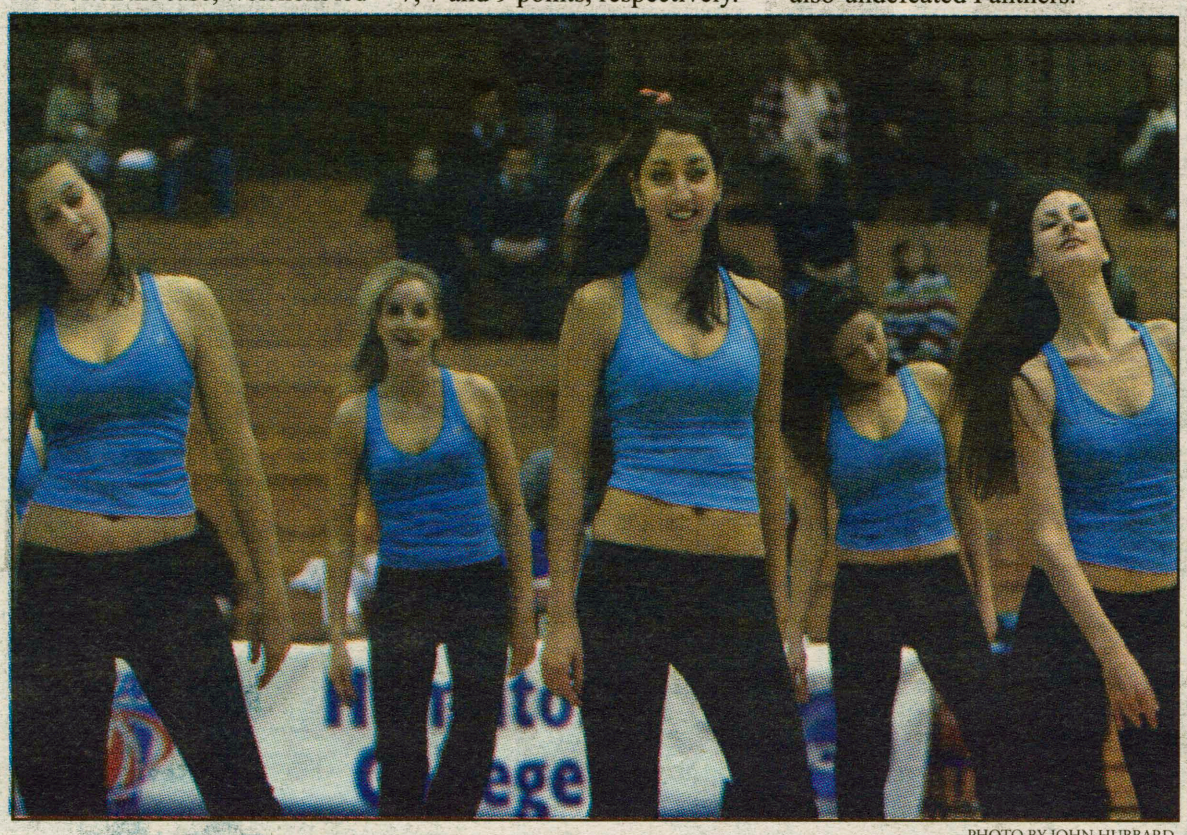
Hamilton looks to stay undefeated as they head off to Middlebury this Saturday to take on the also-undefeated Panthers.



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The Hamilton Dance Team performs during halftime and throughout home games.

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